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Syria negotiating to buy Chinese missiles

Israel warns of pre-emptive strike

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, June 21, (Agencies): Israel will strike Syrian missile sites if Damascus deploys new surface-to-surface missiles it reportedly is buying from China, Israel's Chief of Staff said yesterday.

But Lt. Gen. Dan Shomron also downplayed the immediate threat of the missiles, saying Syria mainly sought the new weapons as a deterrent against an Israeli attack.

The weekly news magazine Newsweek this week quoted an unidentified senior Reagan administration official as saying China planned to sell Syria its newest M-9 missiles which have a range of 600 kilometres (372

miles). "If they haven't signed already, it's only days away," the official was quoted as saying.

Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said today that the Syria-China missile deal was only in the negotiating stage.

Peres told parliament's foreign affairs and defence committee that China had supplied long-range missiles to Saudi Arabia but they were out of date, parliamentary sources said.

"China is developing medium-range missiles but they are not yet ready. The deal between China and Syria is only at the negotiating stage," Peres said.

A senior US official told the newspaper the sale would create the highest crisis in relations between Washington and Beijing in a decade.

Israel Radio reported today that China denied it would supply the missiles to Syria.

Peres has said Israel will do all it can to prevent the sale.

Syria can already hit most Israeli cities with its Soviet-made Frog-7, SS-1 and SS-21 surface-to-surface missiles which have a range of 60, 270 and 100 kilometres (37, 160 and 62 miles) respectively.

Israel Television said the new M-9 missiles could be placed deeper inside Syrian territory, making retaliation more difficult.

"The role of this weapon is the arsenal of the Arab states, especially of Syria, is to deter us

(in case of war) from continuing our attack that would lead to collapse of the Syrian Army," Shomron said in a speech at Haifa University.

Shomron said the M-9 missiles could not decide the outcome of a war, but that, especially if equipped with chemical warheads, could cause extensive damage.

Respond

Shomron said Israel would respond to the deployment of such missiles in various ways, including a pre-emptive attack on the Syrian missile sites.

"In addition, we also have the ability to develop means of intercepting surface-to-surface missiles," he was quoted as saying by Israel Television.

Deportation rules laid down



Sheikh Salem

US should rap Zia: Benazir

NEW YORK, June 21, (Reuters): Pakistani opposition leader Benazir Bhutto said the stability of the Indian sub-continent could be in danger unless Pakistan's President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq called elections soon.

In an article published in the New York Times today she said Zia's dismissal last month of the prime minister and National Assembly and his delay in calling elections could lead to a crisis.

"Unless General Zia schedules elections soon, as he is required to do by the constitution, events during the next few months could threaten the stability not only of Pakistan but of the whole sub-continent," Benazir wrote.

She said Washington should make clear it disapproved of Zia's move.

"For almost a decade, US foreign and military aid to Pakistan has been the only support propping up General Zia's dictatorship. Many Pakistanis believe that the United States... must be held partly responsible for the excesses his military has inflicted on the country," she wrote.

Washington has supported the Pakistani government partly to help anti-communist rebels in neighbouring Afghanistan.

"It is undoubtedly true that the Afghan rebels could not have been as successful without American aid, but the Reagan administration's policy also created lawlessness in many cities and has fuelled a strong separatist movement in the provinces."

"The United States should make clear its disapproval of General Zia's move away from democracy," Benazir said.

THE Minister of Interior, Sheikh Salem Al Sabah has laid down rules for deporting foreigners considered a threat to security of terrorist-plagued Kuwait, according to a local daily.

One rule decrees that any expatriate "whose presence in the country is deemed by security organs to jeopardise security and stability" can be deported.

Defined

Other rules governing "administrative deportation" provide for expelling any foreigner convicted by a Kuwaiti court in cases of dishonour or dishonesty; or with three criminal convictions in five years — one with a jail sentence; or with four criminal convictions in five years whatever the sentences may be.

A foreigner can be deported, under the above mentioned circumstances even if his or her residence permit is valid.

It is the first time that such clearly defined injunctions have been reported in Kuwait, which has been hit by sabotage and terrorist attacks widely considered to have been organised by Iraq.

Kuwait has a population of 1.7 million. About 60 per cent are expatriates of various nationalities, among them a large Iranian community.

Security officials, commenting on the report, said the new rules were an apparent attempt to streamline expulsion procedures. Expulsions were previously carried out at the discretion of security agencies.

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Sheikh Saad

Cabinet won't be reshuffled

HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah has denied that the cabinet will be reshuffled soon.

He said talks of changes in certain portfolios are just rumours.

The Crown Prince said the cabinet is totally coherent.

Sheikh Saad said that he is preparing for his visit to the United States next month and added his talks with President Reagan and senior American officials will deal with issues concerning the region and bilateral ties.

A zoo in two bags

PARIS, June 21, (Reuters): Customs officers at a Paris airport were startled when they asked a young Frenchman to open his two cases — inside were 64 pythons, 20 turtles and a variety of rare lizards.

A Customs Service spokesman said the 19-year-old man whom he declined to name, had concealed a "veritable mobile zoo" in the bags he was carrying on arrival from Mali on Sunday.

The haul, which would have fetched huge sums from reptile dealers, included 64 royal pythons, 17 lizards, 20 turtles, three Gahonese vipers and 20 grey lizards.

The spokesman said all the creatures, classified as threatened species, had survived the journey and were now in a Paris zoo.

Provisional timetable drawn up

Iran 'to free' British hostages

LONDON, June 21, (Agencies): The Iranian government is drawing up a provisional timetable for the release by Christmas of Britons held in Iran and Lebanon, Independent Radio news reported today.

The commercial British network, quoting a reliable Iranian source in London, said two prisoners in a Tehran jail would be released first, followed by three held hostage in Lebanon.

The Foreign Office and Iranian embassy declined to comment.

ing agreement with Britain on June 10 to exchange compensation for damaged diplomatic buildings.

The agreement will net Tehran £1 million (\$1.8 million). The radio said a dispute over the type of currency has been resolved and Britain will pay Iran in sterling.

Under the provisional timetable, the report said, British tourist Nicholas Nicola, 23, arrested in September 1986 on charges of firing shots at checkpoint on the Iran-Pakistan border, would be the first to be freed.

Next out would be businessman Roger Cooper, 53, who has been held since December 1985 on spy charges. Neither has been tried.

"Later this year and subject to good relations," the radio said, "Tehran will consider releasing Iranian-held gunmen in Beirut" to free Syrian television journalist John McCarthy followed by teacher Brian Keenan, who comes from British-ruled Northern Ireland but holds Irish nationality.

The source said Terry Waite will be the last to be released after the American presidential elections in November," the radio said.

The official Islamic Republic News Agency said Mahdi Karubi, Deputy Speaker of the Iranian Parliament, told the delegation yesterday that the British government should "show complicity with Washington's hostile policies against the Islamic revolution."

The Independent newspaper of London reported that Britain was inclined to restore full diplomatic relations with Iran after receiving guarantees from Tehran about "good behaviour" in future.

Britain's Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe was sounding out Conservative MPs to see how they would react to such a development, according to the newspaper.

25 die as bombs rip through intersection near Golden Temple

AMRITSAR, June 21, (Agencies): Two time bombs planted by Sikh militants today ripped through an intersection packed with hundreds of pedestrians near the Golden Temple, killing at least 25 people and wounding 72, police and hospital officials said.

Authorities said they expected the casualty toll to rise because many of the wounded were in critical condition and some were carried swiftly from the scene by relatives or friends.

Hindus enraged by the explosions beat up several Sikhs near the scene, police said, prompting authorities to slap an indefinite curfew on parts of the Sikh holy city, to avert large-scale communal violence.

US women's zest for thinness on the wane

NEW YORK, June 21, (UPI): American women are moving away from the thinness mania, and men like it that way, a survey reported yesterday.

In fact, men still yearn for women with that curvy Marilyn Monroe look.

The survey, commissioned by American Health magazine, showed women seem to want to pass up being ultra-slim for "a muscular body tone, rather than a soft one."

In the survey, only 35 per cent of women polled said they would like a thin body, while 50 per cent were content to be in the "average" size — described as 134 pounds, 5-foot-3 1/2 inches tall and wearing a size 10 or 12 dress.

But the idea of being thinner is not yet dead, as most women stated they would like to weigh 10 pounds less.

Although women think men like them slim, 65 per cent of men polled said the ideal woman has an average body type with average-sized breasts, while 18 per cent thought thin is heavenly.

"An overwhelming 59 per cent of men like soft a la Monroe, compared with 20 per cent who are fond of the Fonda look," the article said.

"But regardless of what men want — today's woman clearly wants to be stronger."

Richer women are lighter and thinner than poorer ones, but the relationship doesn't hold for rich men.

According to the survey, rich men have the biggest waists, the broadest shoulders and the broadest chests.

European soccer

HAMBURG, June 21, (Reuters): Netherlands beat West Germany 2-1 in their European championship semifinal today.

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WEATHER

HOT summer weather with moderately north-westerly wind may freshen at times.

State of sea: moderate to rough

High water: 4.00 am 4.30 pm

Low water: 11.00 am 11.30 pm

Sunrise: 4.49 am

Sunset: 6.51 pm

Maximum temperature recorded: Kuwait: 43°C 109°F

Ahmed: 39°C 102°F

Falaka: 40°C 104°F

Minimum temperature recorded: Kuwait: 26°C 79°F

Ahmed: 30°C 86°F

Falaka: 29°C 84°F

Maximum temperature expected: Kuwait: 44°C 111°F

Ahmed: 40°C 104°F

Falaka: 42°C 108°F

Maximum humidity recorded: Kuwait: 23 per cent

Ahmed: 34 per cent

Falaka: 45 per cent

Maximum humidity expected: Kuwait: 35 per cent

Ahmed: 40 per cent

Falaka: 48 per cent

Iranian conditions to end war

IRAN has conveyed to United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar its conditions to stop the Gulf war.

According to a Kuwaiti daily the conditions are:

- Announcement of an unofficial and practical ceasefire in the Iraq-Iran war without the Iranian leadership's approval of the UN Security Council resolution or the pullout of Iranian forces from occupied Iraqi territories.
- Setting up of a political committee to accuse Iraq of starting the war with Iran in 1980 and to condemn Iraq. This committee should not investigate the real causes of the war.
- The committee should also make Iraq pay war reparations. The compensation should be paid directly to Iran.
- Following the committee's decision on the compensation, negotiations between the two should be held under an international auspices to decide the sum of these compensations.
- Regarding this condition the daily quoted well informed sources that the Iranian officials told them they demand reparations ranging between \$200 billion to \$300 billion, even if the sum is paid over several years.

As soon as Iraq declares commitment to the previous conditions the Iranian leadership and the UN would discuss arrangements for a ceasefire with Iraq, the withdrawal of Iranian troops from Iraqi territories and the exchange of war prisoners.

Meanwhile, the Iranian rebels claimed yesterday they have killed or wounded 8,000 of Ayatollah Khomeini's soldiers in three days of fighting in which they captured the border town of Mehran.

A spokesman for the Iraqi-based National Liberation Army said that NLA forces were still engaged in combat around Mehran.

US senators seek assurance on F/A-18s

WASHINGTON, June 21, (Reuters): Twenty members of the US Senate, in a letter made public yesterday, expressed concern about a planned \$1.9-billion military sale to Kuwait and have demanded assurances it will not threaten Israel.

The administration has given Congress informal notice it plans to sell Kuwait 40 F/A-18 fighter bombers, along with a variety of missiles and munitions, including 300 Maverick missiles.

"We are deeply concerned by the numerical and symbolic quality of this arms sale package," the senators said in a letter to Secretary of State George Shultz.

Extend

The signatories, which included foreign relations committee chairman Clairborne Pell, said it was "critically important" to get Kuwaiti assurances the planes would never be deployed nearer to Israel than their Kuwait base.

They also said the United States should seek assurances that Kuwait would not seek refuelling planes or equipment that could extend the F/A-18's 400-mile (640 kms) range.

They said the Maverick air-to-ground missile "has destructive capabilities that far exceed the legitimate security requirements of Kuwait" and was "a missile we can ill afford to have fall into unfriendly hands."

The Maverick missile was withdrawn from a proposed arms sale to Saudi Arabia last year following objections from Congress.

Shultz, in testimony at a Senate hearing last week, defended the proposed sale to Kuwait as a positive development representing increased willingness by Gulf states to rely on themselves for their defence.

In their letter, the 20 senators asked if Kuwait would contribute "more overtly" to share the burden of protecting its own shipping in the Gulf and if it would play a role in helping the Middle East peace process.

The administration is expected to follow up its informal notification of the planned arms sale to Kuwait with a formal presentation to Congress.

Divorce rate in S. Korea soars

SEOUL, June 21, (AP): South Korea's divorce rate soared 33 per cent last year, mainly because of infidelity, according to court figures today.

The Supreme Court reported that 54,762 couples divorced in 1987, compared with 41,240 divorces the year before.

Court officials said infidelity was cited in 47.3 per cent of the divorces, followed by desertion in 22.4 cases and mistreatment in 12.2 per cent.

Mistreatment of a spouse's parents was cited as the reason in 5.5 per cent of divorce cases. Some elderly people live with their married children, causing domestic tension.

South Korea's rising divorce rate appears to reflect the decline of traditional values and the impact of Western lifestyles as well as growing prosperity and the pressures of modern, urban life.

Toronto meeting condemns hijacking

TORONTO, June 21, (Agencies): The leaders of the seven largest industrial democracies (G-7) meeting here expressed their deep concern at the increasing instability in the Near East.

In a political declaration the leaders said the violence on the Israeli held West Bank showed the need for a negotiated settlement between Israel and its Arab neighbours.

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It added: "We have pursued our consultations about the continuing war between Iran and Iraq, which remains a source of profound concern to us. We reaffirm our support for Security Council resolution 598, which was adopted unanimously. We express our warm appreciation for the efforts of the United Nations secretary-general to work for a settlement on this basis, and reiterate our firm determination to ensure implementation of this mandatory resolution by a follow-up resolution."

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INTERNATIONAL

Interim Afghan government violates accords: Pravda

MOSCOW, June 21. (Reuters): The Soviet Communist Party newspaper Pravda said today the establishment of an "interim government" by Afghan rebels based in Pakistan amounted to a breach of the UN-mediated Afghan accords.

In accusations directed against both Islamabad and Washington, Pravda said the accords signed in Geneva in April bound signatories to refrain from any action which sought to subvert the political order in Afghanistan.

"How can the formation of an interim government on Pakistani territory by the Afghan opposition be squared with Islamabad's promised implementation of the above mentioned point of the Geneva agreements?" the paper said.

Withdrawal

"Neither is it clear how Washington visualises the role of the United States as guarantor against interference in the internal affairs of Afghanistan."

The accords, which launched the withdrawal of the first of more than 100,000 Soviet troops

from Afghanistan last month were signed by Pakistan and Afghanistan, with the Soviet Union and the United States as guarantors.

Pravda said Pakistan and the United States "apparently believe that the implementation of the Geneva accords boils down only to the withdrawal of Soviet troops."

It said "interested circles" in both countries held dear the idea of an Afghan opposition government-in-exile which could take power across the border from the Soviet Union.

But it said they were "counting their chickens before they are hatched" since the Afghan Army had proclaimed its ability to defend the country after the Soviet pull-out.

The Soviet Union has repeatedly accused Pakistan of breaching the Geneva accords since the troop withdrawal began on May 15. It has complained that Pakistan had allowed Afghan rebels to hold Soviet prisoners of war on its territory.

Pakistan Ambassador to Moscow Shahid Amin acknow-

ledged on Monday that some Soviet POWs did end up in Pakistan but said Islamabad put the prisoners in touch with the Soviet embassy there and tried to convince the rebels to free their captives.

US envoy

The United States is considering appointing a special envoy to liaise with Afghan rebels, the Washington Post reported today.

It quoted administration officials as saying they were concerned about the quality of US intelligence as Soviet forces withdrew from Afghanistan and Afghan guerrillas seek an established political role in their country.

The United States has been almost totally dependent on the Pakistan government of President Zia-ul-Haq for contacts with the seven Pakistan-based groups of mujahideen, and for intelligence about their policies, the newspaper said.

Senate majority leader Robert Byrd and Republican leader Robert Dole wrote US Secretary

of State George Shultz last week suggesting a US ambassador-at-large to the guerrillas to monitor their activities and coordinate US policy.

Some administration officials oppose the proposal, saying the US consulate in Peshawar, the rebels' Pakistan base already maintains satisfactory contact, and that a special envoy would face physical risks if he moved with guerrilla forces into areas they might capture inside their homeland.

Those officials also question whether the United States might become involved in internal mujahideen politics or face a conflict with Zia over which guerrilla faction to support, it said.

Afghan guerrillas laying virtual siege to Kandahar are encouraging its inhabitants to leave ahead of stepped up attacks on Afghanistan's second biggest city, Western diplomats in Islamabad said today.

They said the guerrillas were also asking people to quit the neighbouring garrison town of Shar-e-Napah also under attack, to avoid civilian casualties.

Uganda fires actress ambassador

KAMPALA, June 21. (UPI):

The see-saw career of fashion model, actress and diplomat Princess Elizabeth Bagaya took a lurch downward with the announcement she has been sacked as Ugandan ambassador in Washington.

A brief official statement on Monday said the Princess was replaced by Stephen Katsamba-Appuli, a senior member of Museveni's ruling National Resistance Movement.

It gave no reason for the move except that she "misused her position."

The princess has been ambassador in the United States since 1986.

Educated as a lawyer in London, she returned home to set up in practice in Kampala and became the first woman to do so in East Africa.

Exile

She was forced out of Uganda after President Milton Obote abolished the four monarchies in 1967.

She is the sister of the "King of Toro" in southwestern Uganda.

The King, Patrick Bagaya, is Ugandan High Commissioner to Tanzania.

Based in London, the exiled princess became fashion model and appeared in several movies before the fall of Obote and the rise of dictator Idi Amin catapulted her back into politics as his foreign minister between 1972 and 1974.

Another blow to Filipino communists

Top rebel leader arrested

MANILA, June 21. (UPI): Authorities captured a ranking guerrilla leader, dealing a blow to the communist movement, officials said today after the rebels warned American troops and bases are potential targets because of US support for the government.

Francisco Pascual, 41, was arrested last night while riding a motorised rickshaw in Dagupan city, 176 km north of Manila, armed forces chief Gen. Renato de Villa said.

De Villa said the capture of Pascual, ranked 11th in the communist hierarchy with a \$12,500 prize on his head, dealt the insurgent movement "another crippling blow." Pascual also was identified as a member of the ruling central committee of the outlawed Communist Party of the Philippines.

At least 41 others were arrested in raids conducted hours after the arrest on Pascual in Dagupan, nearby Urdaneta and the mountain resort of Baguio, De Villa said at a news conference. He said the others were undergoing interrogation and no details were disclosed.

Dynamite

He said authorities confiscated 2,000 sticks of dynamite, which he said was to be used to blow up bridges and communication equipment linking four provinces north of the capital.

Last month, the military arrested Rafael Baylosis, the Communist Party secretary-general, and Romulo Kintanar, head of the 25,000-strong rebel armed wing, the New People's Army.

De Villa's announcement coincided with a new warning by guerrillas that American troops and installations in the Philippines are "military targets" of communist rebels because of US support to the Philippine military.

"This is the current overall policy: All US troops and installations in the country are military targets of the NPA (New People's Army)," said a ranking rebel leader in the May issue of the Newsletter, which reached news organisations today.

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"This is the current overall policy: All US troops and installations in the country are military targets of the NPA (New People's Army)," said a ranking rebel leader in the May issue of the Newsletter, which reached news organisations today.

In an interview with the outlawed Communist Party's Newsletter, Ang Bayan, a rebel identified as comrade Rio said US civilian and military personnel proven to be involved in the government's counter-insurgency drive will be "killed" even if they are rest and recreation.

Rio is a member of the party's executive committee in the central Luzon region north of Manila where the US Clark Air Base and Subic Bay Naval Base are located, the Newsletter said.

Hyderabad riot death toll rises to 15

KARACHI, June 21. (AP): Gunshots broke out in Hyderabad during a one-hour curfew break, raising the death toll to 15 in three days of ethnic rioting, officials said today.

The district magistrate ordered civilians to surrender all firearms to police within 24 hours, and soldiers sealed off the city with barbed wire.

Witnesses said the violence began on Saturday when loads of Sind province separatists opened fire on mohajirs, Muslims who emigrated to Pakistan after the partition in 1947.

Initial rioting killed 10 people before officials clamped a 40-hour curfew on the city, 135 kilometres northeast of Karachi.

But when authorities lifted the curfew for one hour on Monday, both groups again took to the streets. Officials said five more people were killed and 15 wounded by adversaries firing and stabbing each other.

The district magistrate's office said an unidentified group fired on a police patrol but there were no casualties and the gunmen were captured.

Pakistan's southern Sind province is a melting pot of ethnic and religious groups who frequently come to blows.

In Karachi, about 300 people were killed in late 1986 when mohajirs battled Pathan immigrants from northern Pakistan for two months.

The two groups continue to riot frequently in cinderblock slums where they compete for the same jobs.

Salisbury Plain, England, June 21. (UPI): Riot police and an estimated 3,000 hippies clashed at the ancient Stonehenge site before the summer solstice ceremony at dawn today, leaving seven officers and two rioters injured, police said.

At least 67 hippies — unemployed young people who travel the countryside in colourful mini-buses and cars — were arrested and charged with public disturbance offences. Devises police inspector Stephen Chandler said.

The estimated 3,000 hippies had gathered around Stonehenge, an ancient circle of huge



(From left) Hannelore Kohl, Naoko Takeshita, Anna Maria de Mita, Nancy Reagan and Milla Mulronney wave before they leave to take a cruise on Lake Ontario. (Reuters wirephoto)

Wives of summit leaders meet young Canadians

Nancy urges children to read

TORONTO, June 21. (AP): Wives of five summit leaders on Monday met with young Canadian children as part of a plan encouraging the youngsters to develop a love for books.

"Every time we read a book we can become whoever we like to be," Milla Mulronney, wife of the Canadian Prime Minister, told 150 children from five Toronto schools. "We can become the heroine or we can become the ogre."

The children, ranging in age from 8 to 11, listened intently as Mrs Mulronney read to them about a mischievous cat named Josephine who disrupted school one day.

Five children who accompanied the wives took turns reading from the story, "Can you catch Josephine?" The book was written by Stephanie Poulin, a 24-year-old author from Montreal.

Her evening stories, she said, were sweet stories that would leave the children with pleasant dreams.

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The reading — sponsored by Frontier College, which promotes literacy programmes — took place in a white tent on the harbour along Lake Ontario.

The children and the wives sat on low benches in front of brightly coloured posters promoting books.

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Libyan move to improve human rights welcomed

LONDON, June 21. (Agencies): The human rights organisation Amnesty International welcomed the moves by Libya to improve human rights.

In a statement, the London-based group said it had sent three delegates to the North African country earlier this month. They met officials and addressed the General People's Congress (GPC).

Amnesty said it welcomed a pledge by Libyan leader Moammar Khaddafi to abolish the death penalty and his intervention to commute all existing death sentences.

Release

It saw as encouraging a document the GPC adopted on June 12 which bans ill-treatment of prisoners and proclaims the right to a fair trial.

Other moves Amnesty applauded were the release of hundreds of prisoners last March and Khaddafi's June 12 announcement that Libya would ratify two international human rights treaties.

But the Amnesty said that Sri Lankan security forces are responsible for the "disappearance" of more than 680 people since 1983, and the government made no serious efforts to learn what happened to them.

The human rights group also reported cases of "rape... acts of brutality... and extrajudicial killings of unarmed civilians" by Indian troops deployed in the country's North and East to enforce a peace accord New Delhi and Colombo signed last July.

In New Delhi, an Indian External Affairs Ministry spokesman said that the charges of rape and brutality made against the (Indian troops) are fabricated and unfair.

He said every complaint against the Indian troops had been investigated and most had been found to be baseless.

Israeli double standard

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, June 21. (AP): The Israeli Army has resorted to killing thousands of Palestinians without trial to alleviate the overcrowding of the Association for Civil Rights in Israel charged yesterday.

In its harshest report to date, the organisation said military police were "vehement" in investigating complaints of soldiers' brutality and haven't responded to even one of the association's complaints.

The association also charged that Israel justice increasingly treats Jews differently from Arabs, including Arabs who are Israeli citizens living in Israel's pre-1967 borders.

"There is a double standard of justice for Arabs," said Neta Ziv Goldman, a staff attorney with the association. "Even in cases of a killing, a (Jewish) settler can get a ridiculous sentence, like six months community service or a suspended prison term."

"On the other hand, a Haifa court gave a two-year sentence to a minor just a few days ago, for throwing a stone," Ms. Goldman said.

Two Arab youths were wounded by Israeli gunfire today, including a 10-year-old boy shot in the leg by an Israeli civilian trying to disperse a stone-throwing mob in the West Bank city of Nablus, Arab hospital officials said.

The Army confirmed an Israeli civilian was stoned in Nablus, and cited the man as saying he fired the air to disperse the attackers. Army officials said they had no reports of injuries as a result of the shooting, and did not provide further details.

The second injury involved a 16-year-old Arab who was shot in the shoulder during a clash with troops in the village of Burka near Nablus, said officials at the city's Al I

Amir of Bahrain holds talks with Soviet official

MANAMA, June 21, (AP): The Amir of Bahrain, Sheikh Issa Bin Salma Al Khalifa, yesterday received the Soviet ambassador to Kuwait, who apparently was seeking to pave the way for the first visit to the Gulf island state by a high-level Kremlin official.

This was the first official talks between Bahrain and the Soviet Union.

Bahrain, like neighbouring Saudi Arabia and Qatar, has no diplomatic relations with Moscow.

The Gulf News Agency said the envoy, Ernst Zverev, told the Amir of Bahrain's "desire" to brief him on last month's US-Soviet summit, Soviet views on efforts to end the Iran-Iraq war and support for Arab efforts to solve the Palestinian problem.

Blocking

The Amir and the ambassador also discussed the development of bilateral relations between Bahrain and the Soviet Union, the agency added.

It said the meeting was atten-

ded by Bahrain's Foreign Minister, Sheikh Mohammed Bin Mubarak Al Khalifa, and other senior officials.

The Soviet Union has reportedly been blocking US-led attempts to secure a United Nations Security Council resolution imposing an arms embargo on Iran for failing to accept an 11-month-old resolution calling for a Gulf war ceasefire.

The nearly eight-year-old conflict has threatened Bahrain and the other five members of the Gulf Cooperation Council — Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Oman, the United Arab Emirates and Qatar.

Moscow's view is that diplomatic efforts to implement the ceasefire resolution implemented must first be exhausted before an arms embargo could be considered.

On the Palestinian problem, Moscow supports convening an international Middle East peace conference, which the Arabs also seek.

Like the Arabs, Moscow recognises the Palestine Liberation Organisation as the sole representative of the Palestinian people. The United States and Israel refuse to deal with the PLO.

The Soviets have been making a determined effort to widen their influence in the Middle East, and particularly in the Gulf, in recent years.

Kuwait has had diplomatic relations with Moscow since the early 1960s. The UAE and Oman established diplomatic links with Moscow in 1985.

Saudi Arabia's influential leadership has said that ties with the Soviet Union would be valid if the Soviet pulled their forces out of Afghanistan.

The withdrawal currently under way has enhanced the prospects that the theocratic Saudis will move toward the end.

Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Abdullah, in a recent interview, commended Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's policies.



The minister awarding a prize to the top science student Mustafa Taher. Looking on is the head of the school's activities department, Khaled Al Harban.

Murphy in Oman for talks with Qaboos

MUSCAT, June 21, (AP): US envoy Richard Murphy arrived today for talks with Sultan Qaboos on the fourth leg of an eight-nation swing for consultations on the Middle East peace process and the Iran-Iraq war.

Murphy, Assistant Secretary of State for Near East Affairs, has visited Saudi Arabia, North Yemen and the United Arab Emirates since Thursday. He was also scheduled to visit Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait and Iraq.

Support
He has been affirming Washington's determination to work for a settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict and to end the nearly 8-year-old Iran-Iraq war which threatens the Gulf.

His visit followed an Arab summit in Algiers which he noted did not close the door on the peace plan that US Secretary of State George P. Shultz discussed

on four trips to the Middle East earlier this year.

Murphy has described the Shultz initiative as the only blueprint on the table for pushing through the peace process.

The Algiers summit renewed support for the Palestine Liberation Organisation as sole representative of the Palestinian people. The United States and Israel refuse to deal directly with the PLO.

The summit also strongly supported the Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, the demand of the 1.5 million Palestinians in those areas for an independent homeland and for convening an international Middle East peace conference.

Murphy's trip followed last month's US-Soviet summit in Moscow where the Middle East and the Gulf war were discussed.

Top students honoured

THE Ministry of Education, yesterday, held a function to honour top students of the higher secondary school examinations.

Speaking on the occasion, the Minister of Education Anwar Al Nouri said the government continually strives to impart the best possible course of education and encouraged the performance of outstanding students. He also stressed the Education Ministry's deep concern towards developing its curricula based upon actual needs of the society.

On conclusion, the minister distributed certificates and awards to 290 top students in various sections.



Al Kandari

Zakat House to extend assistance

THE director of the overseas distribution department at Kuwait Zakat (alms) House Abdul Rahman Al Kandari in an interview with a local daily was quoted as saying that the house had decided to extend assistance to 43 Islamic authorities. Further, he stated the overseas distribution department had supervised the meals project staged by the house during the holy month of Ramadan in Egypt, Sudan, Jordan and Lebanon.

Al Kandari disclosed that 32,000 persons had benefited from the project in Jordan, 20,000 in Egypt, 15,000 in Sudan and 15 thousand in Lebanon. He commented that the people of these countries appreciated the thinking of the Kuwaiti people which embodied the brotherly feelings of Kuwait towards these sister countries.

Concluding, Al Kandari thanked the various donors and the philanthropists for their contributions.



● The first batch of youths of the 37th work camp embarking on a campaign for trimming trees, lifting debris and digging irrigation canals. The director of the camp Fahed Al Durale inspected the camp's activities and lauded the efforts of youths and their high morale despite the high temperature.

Prince Sultan postpones visit to UK

BAHRAIN, June 21, (Reuters): Saudi Arabian Defence Minister Prince Sultan Bin Abdulaziz has postponed an official visit to Britain for health reasons, the official Saudi News Agency (SPA) reported.

Prince Sultan, a younger brother of King Fahd, underwent a successful operation on his left knee on June 1 in the United States. SPA said the prince was still recovering and had postponed the visit due to start on July 4 to a later date.

Symposium on climate

THE meteorological department of the Kuwait Science Club held a symposium to discuss Kuwait's summer weather and climate.

Speaking on the occasion, the head of the inspection section at the department Mahmoud Azzo Safar stated that the major factors affecting Kuwait's climate were its geographical location; prevalent atmospheric patterns in the region; close location to the Arabian Gulf and the Indian Ocean and other factors relating to temperature, dust-storms and rain. He also highlighted the effects of high temperature on man and his activities. On

addressing "the question of dust-storms" he said these could only be addressed through the implementation of advanced techniques for stabilisation of soil.

Safar paid high tributes to the far-sightedness of HH the Amir in issuing directives towards landscaping and increasing the stretch of vegetation and the priorities he accorded to this vital project which would greatly benefit and contribute positively towards the betterment of the country's climate.

Meanwhile, Dr Ahmad Bozzer delivered a speech at the Science Club yesterday dealing with the various educational computer applications. He attached great importance to the role of computers in developing the teaching profession and the educational process, and stressed the need to upgrade their practical application in teaching itself and not just as part of the curriculum.

He dealt with the various user purposes of computers, the positive and negative aspects of computerisation and ways of using computers as an educational means.

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Shaheen holds talks with UN chief

FOREIGN Ministry Undersecretary Sulaiman Majid Al Shaheen, had talks with UN Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar and a number of top representatives of friendly nations while attending the UN General Assembly's special session on disarmament, according to a Kuwaiti newspaper yesterday.

The daily quoted political sources as saying that Al Shaheen's talks tackled a number of countries' relations with Kuwait and the Gulf war.

Al Shaheen also discussed UN resolution 598 which calls for a halt to the Iraq-Iran war and

exchanged views on possibility of issuing another resolution that stipulates sanctions against the party which refuses to end the war, the sources added.

The sources noted that Kuwait will hold contacts with several friendly states to exchange perspectives over current developments in the Middle East and attempt to persuade the US to change its position toward the Palestinian cause.

The sources pointed out that following the Algiers summit, Arab Gulf states are evaluating developments in the Mideast region to coordinate stances.

GCC has achieved positive results: Sheikh Khalifa

CAIRO, June 21, (KUNA): Bahrain's Prime Minister Sheikh Khalifa Bin Salman Al Khalifa today said the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) has achieved positive results as far as the ambitions of the Gulf people are concerned.

Sheikh Khalifa told the daily Al Akhbar published today that the GCC did not only bear positive results on the Gulf states but on the Arabs in general.

Regrettably, the Bahrain premier said that the Gulf war's negative repercussions are not limited to the two warring countries but also the Gulf States including Bahrain, although in different ways.

The Iraq-Iran war has also affected the world's economic

Polish envoy

ACTING Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Faisal Al Saleh Al Motawah yesterday received the Polish ambassador to Kuwait.

The talks between them covered matters of bilateral importance and common interest to the two friendly countries.

Two held for dealing in liquor

JAHRA detectives, yesterday, raided the house of two men suspected of dealing in alcohol and apprehended them with 60 cases of whiskey and some forged documents. The two suspects Dabil M. a Kuwaiti and Saleh F. an Iraqi along with the contraband have been referred to the authorities for further investigation.

Death sentence commuted

THE Higher Court of Appeal has commuted the death sentence of two men, convicted of premeditated murder, to life imprisonment on the basis of a defence report. The report, stated that the defendants had not intended to kill the man claimed to have been responsible for the death of one of the defendant's sons.

ROYAL COURT

Amiri audience

HH the Amir yesterday received HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Soud Al Abdullah Al Sabah.

Crown Prince audiences

HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Soud Al Abdullah Al Sabah received yesterday the Minister of Interior Sheikh Salem Al Sabah Al Salem; the Minister of State for Housing Affairs, Nasser Abdulla Al Roudhan; the Minister of Public Works, Abdul Rahman Ibrahim Al Houti and the Minister of Finance, Jassem Mohammed Al Khorafi.

Sheikh Soud also received the Governor of the Central Bank of Kuwait, Sheikh Salem Abdul Aziz Al Saoud and the Vatican ambassador to Kuwait.

The Crown Prince and Premier also chaired a meeting for the Higher Housing Council.

KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

Murphy's Mideast tour

A KUWAITI newspaper yesterday commented on the current tour of the US envoy Richard Murphy in the region describing it as useless since it comes at a time of US elections, when the administration is almost paralysed and unable to take any decision.

In a front page editorial, Al Rai Al Aam said that the regional states should not expect anything new from Murphy as all his proposals are similar to past ones.

"US administration has chosen the most critical period to launch its diplomatic initiative, knowing definitely that it will not be fruitful," the paper noted.

However, the daily pointed out that the game in the Middle East between the two superpowers is still active, and it is clear that the US, following the Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan, is paying no attention to the eight-year-old Iraq-Iran war.

Al Rai Al Aam in conclusion described the current situation in the Gulf region as vague, citing new European trends such as France's recent restoration of diplomatic relations with Iran, and Britain's current effort attempts to reconcile with Iran.

GULF PRESS

US urged to shoulder its responsibility

A UAE newspaper yesterday called on the United States to shoulder its responsibility as a superpower towards the Middle East conflict and affirmed the United Arab Emirates' commitment to back the Palestinian people in the battle to restore their national rights.

The Abu Dhabi-based Al Ithidhad newspaper commenting editorially on the subject said in part:

"What Sheikh Khalifa, Abu Dhabi Crown Prince and Deputy Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, told Richard Murphy, the US envoy, affirms once more the UAE's commitment to the just struggle of the Palestinian people to restore their rights of freedom, independence and setting up of their state on their national soil."

Sheikh Khalifa was outright in calling on Washington to pursue a positive policy based on justice while dealing with the Middle East conflict, with special emphasis on the Palestinian rights to statehood and self-determination, the paper said.

The paper affirmed that the door was still open before the United States to reconsider its Middle East policy.

"Sheikh Khalifa expressed a collective Arab stand, when he expressed the UAE's concern over the Zionist terrorist and oppressive measures against the heroic Palestinian uprising ... these inhuman Israeli measures require an immediate American intervention, at least on humanitarian grounds, to end the suffering of the Palestinian people," Al Ithidhad concluded.

A UAE English language daily commented on the impact the Palestinian uprising is having on international diplomacy, especially Washington's policies.

The Dubai-based Gulf News quoted US Assistant Secretary of State, Richard Murphy as saying in his current tour of a number of Middle East countries that the Palestinian uprising was demonstration of a rejection of the occupation which may lead to a new thinking and move people away from old positions.

The paper pointed out that Washington had taken note of the Palestinian protest much earlier of Murphy's statements, but it reached in a manner that betrayed only anxiety to help Israel weather the storm rather than to assist the Palestinians achieve a just settlement.

The paper said one would now like to believe that Murphy's views mark a shift in the US perception of the uprising and what it stands for — total rejection of Israeli tutelage over the occupied lands.

The paper noted that the Arabs in the Algiers summit had not totally closed the door on the US proposals in the expectation that Washington might reconsider its stance on Palestinian national rights and the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

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VIDEO CORNER

Disney's formula for success

By Brian Hollis

A FEW years ago, Disney decided to produce films for adult audiences as well as their regular children's fare. In the tradition of the company's founder, they pledged to produce only films which were suitable for family viewing. The result has been a succession of American box office hits unparalleled by any other company, and of course for video viewers in Kuwait, this has meant a succession of good video films.

Films on the Touchstone and Buena Vista labels are not blacklisted; contain very few sex scenes, bad language or excessive violence, and are not politically or otherwise controversial. Boring, you may say, but when you read the list of their successes, you may think again: for example: Ruthless People, Outrageous Fortune, Adventures in Baby Sitting, Three Men and a Cradle, The Men, Stakeout, Can't Buy Me Love, Good Morning Vietnam, and last week's Shoot to Kill. The only one which failed to reach the video shops in Kuwait was the Oscar winner Color of Money, banned because of Paul Newman.

This week sees the arrival of yet another success from the Touchstone label D.O.A. (Dead on Arrival) starring Dennis Quaid in Big Easy and Enemy Mine. Quaid plays a burnt out novelist who after writing four successful books, has settled for a job as a university professor of writing. Dissatisfied with his life, he spends his time insulting students, lecturers and his wife, who has decided to leave him. Small wonder then, that after a

night on the town, he wakes up feeling sick and finds out that someone has murdered him by adding a radioactive substance to his drinks. Quaid has about 24 hours to find the perpetrator.

Unfortunately every trail seems to end in murder or suicide, and by the end of the film, very few suspects are left standing. Although quite entertaining, this is not one of the best Disney products, as it never quite decides whether to be a murder mystery or a comedy. In spite of some endearing qualities, it is hard to sympathise with Quaid, and the plot is confused to say the least. It nevertheless stayed for some time in the American box office top ten.

Sharks, alligators, piranhas, giant rats, even birds — we've seen them all! Yet they keep coming. The Last Shark, released a couple of weeks ago, proved tremendously popular, and now we are able to bring you an enormous man-eating crocodile, straight from the swamps of northern Australia. Dark Age, however, is a slightly less gory treatment of the subject.

Crocs are the subject of eco-observation in Australia, but poachers still apparently shoot them for fun. In the opening scene, three poachers meet up with an enormous croc who gobbles up two of them and allows the third to bring help. Although the result is much the same, this movie portrays the giant croc as one of the 'goodies', along with the wild life ranger and the Aborigines who believe the croc is the spirit of their ancestors. The 'badies' are, of course, all the hunters out to destroy the poor

creature. Many of course die in the attempt, but the film does have some redeeming qualities, especially the attempt to understand one of nature's least loved creatures.

After the exhaustion of stories about colonial India, interest has focussed on East Africa and specifically the Happy Valley set in Kenya in the 1930's. The latest member to be dragged from obscurity is Beryl Markham, who now has her own bestseller starring Stefanie Powers. Beryl Markham was brought up as a tomboy in the African jungle, unaware of the ooms and taboos of European society. She later became a pioneer aviator, flying solo across the Atlantic, one of the first female horse breeders and trainers, and shocked the world to a series of adulterous affairs. The series is well made and entertaining, although aimed at American audiences. British viewers should allow for a tendency to portray this very British character as a forerunner of American feminism.

White Ghost is yet another Vietnam movie. It takes off 15 years after the war with a lone special forces officer stranded in the jungle and still fighting war to stay alive. The Americans send in a rescue party, unfortunately headed up by a mercenary committed to murdering the stranded soldier. Lots of killings, gunfire and explosions. Gory drama and action this one is all about armory and despatching 'gooks'.

The above films are by courtesy of VFI, Fintas/Safeway, Video Nana, Sahiya and Video Club, Sahiya.



Dennis Quaid in D.O.A.



Stallone in Rambo: First Blood part II

Rambo whips up violence

LIFE for John J. Rambo seems to involve more death with every adventure. In his latest movie Rambo III he goes to Afghanistan to rescue a friend held hostage.

Rambo III, recently released in the US, will be released by the Video Club in Kuwait on Thursday.

The National Coalition of Television Violence, a US-based group, has reportedly said that Sylvester Stallone's character in Rambo III, a one-man fighting machine who fends off an army of Soviets, includes 123 deaths and twice the violence of the previous "Rambo" movies.

The Associated Press said the group has condemned the "glorification of war and hatred" in the 109-minute film. In "Rambo III", the single-handed fighter faces a new communist regime with more of the cartoonish violence of its predecessors, with the slow-talking, fast-shooting fighter joining horse-mounted warriors to subdue Soviet armour.

David Morrell created

Rambo in the novel First Blood, which became a film in 1982. In First Blood, Rambo wages war against a sheriff, a decorated hero of the Korean war. The story ends with an innocent American town in flames.

In Rambo II, he was stranded in enemy territory by a high-level bureaucrat covering up knowledge of American prisoners of war.

Three years ago Rambo: First Blood Part II grossed 150 million dollars in US theatres, and made Rambo a part of the language. Rambo III grossed 24 million dollars in its first six days of release.

David Morrell and Sylvester Stallone both co-wrote that "Rambo is a man of peace, a frontier gunslinger forced into one last battle."

"Rambo doesn't kill innocents," Rambo goes in to end conflicts, not initiate them.

Reportedly, Stallone is already thinking about Rambo IV, scouting the globe for a crisis where one man dude could lead a band.

Hotel gets new staff

THE Ramada Al Salam Hotel, Kuwait, has recently appointed a new executive chef, Mokhtar Haskouri and a front office manager, Adel Sadik.

Haskouri graduated to hotel management from London and has worked in the Middle East for over 10 years. Sadik worked in front office hotel management in Egypt and other Middle Eastern countries.



Executive Chef Mokhtar Haskouri

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Al Munawwar Pharmacy
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Al Zahra Pharmacy
New Souk

CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus
The Last Shark
Starring: James Francisco, Vicki Moro
Al Salmiya
Desperately Seeking Susan
Starring: Madonna
Al Hamra
Alligator
Starring: Robert Forrester, Henry Sullivan
Drive-In
Lalla Al Kabz Ala Bakaiza
Wa Zaghloul (Arabic)
Starring: Suhair Babil, Issad Yunus

Al Fahadheel
A'ad Liyantaqim (Arabic)
Al Jahra
Bamby's Childhood
Granada
Al Mazakal (Arabic)
Salaikhlat
Nomborathi Poovu (Malayalam)
Al Jleeb
Monster Shark
Almadi Drive-In
Al Jad'an Talatha (Arabic)

PRAYERS

Fajr 3.14am
Zuhr 11.50
Asr 3.24 pm
Maghreb 6.51
Isha 8.23

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran
9.30 Rahlal Haul Al Alam: cartoons
10.15 Shams Al Khareef: daily serial, with Tawfiq Abdul Hamid, Zizi Badawi.
11.00 News Summary/Good Morning
11.15 Ghaddar Tabdan Al Haud: local serial, featuring Hayat Al Fahad, Ghanem Al Saleh, Suad Abdullah.
12.00 Good Morning/News Summary
1.00 People and Sports
1.05 World News via Satellite
2.30 Wamrat Al Ayyam: Arabic serial, with Juliet Awad, Ruhi Al Safdi, Ahmad Khalil.
3.35 Bill and Sebastian: cartoon serial
4.00 News Summary
4.05 Magazine D'Actualite
4.25 Keep Fit: English feature film, starring George Formley, Kay Walsh.
6.00 Buodug Wa Buodugab: children's serial, starring Liza, Abdul Rahman Abu Zahra.
7.00 With Students
8.00 Folklore
8.30 Souk Al Gbaz: Arabic serial, featuring Mobammad Saeed, Shiro, Zubair Numani.
9.00 News in Arabic
9.50 Riffat Al Hijran: star-



Sledge Hammer is in demand in tonight's episode on KTV 2 at 8.40 pm.

riog Mahmoud Abdul Aziz, Yusra, Yusuf Shaban.
10.50 Hikayat Min Al Badiya: "Al Maha," Starring Miyad Awad, Hassan Ibrahim, Antoniette Najeb.
11.50 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite: Closedown

KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran
6.15 Rainbow Brite: cartoons
6.30 Tunes of the World: "Asiatie Melody," A look at music in the Far East.
7.30 Growing Pains: "The

Awful Truth." The children learn that their parents have divorced.
8.00 News in English
8.40 Sledge Hammer: "Wild About Hammer." A policeman falls in love with Hammer.
9.15 Football: European Championship
11.00 Private Eye: "Both Sides Of..." Jack is hired to solve a case of blackmail.
12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite: Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

RADIO PROGRAMMES

English

Morning
0800 Opening
0805 Songs and Music
0805 Writers and Poets in Arabic
0810 Literature
0830 News
0840 Songs and Music
0845 Daily Programme
0900 Golden Collections
0930 Album Tracks
1000 Our Press Today
1005 Songs and Music
1030 Music With a Theme
1100 Closedown
1300 News on FM Service
Evening
2100 Opening
2105 Songs and Music
2110 News
2115 Point of View
2130 Songs and Music
2215 Musical Celebrities
2245 Daily Programme
2300 Soul With a Beat
2330 Choice of the Week
2400 Closedown

BBC World Services

0000 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Radio Newsworld
30 Omnibus
0100 News Summary followed by
Outlook
30 Report on Religion
45 Country Style
0200 World News
09 British Press Review
15 1st and 8th Big Bands — The Singers, 15th A-Z of Hollywood, 22nd and 29th Sports-world
30 Citizens
0300 World News

09 News About Britain
15 The World Today
30 Discovery
0400 Newsworld
30 Talk/Story (ex 1st Derby Preview)
45 Reflections
50 Financial News
0500 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Report on Religion
45 The World Today
0600 Newsworld
30 Meridian
0700 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Development
15 The Politics of Laughter (ex 1st Education Today)
30 King Street Junior (ex 22nd Radio Active: 29th Two Cheers for June)

ALL TIMES GMT
FM Services
0800 Easy Listening
0830 News
0840 Easy Listening
1000 Songs and Music
1200 Easy Listening
1330 News
1400 Classical Music
1600 Easy Listening
1700 French Hour
1800 Pops
1900 Be Our Guest
2130 News
2145 Pops
2300 Famous Classical Works
2300 Easy Listening
2400 Instrumental Music
0200 Closedown

and 29th Sports-world
45 (22nd and 29th) Development
1400 Outlook, opening with 5-Minute News
45 Report on Religion (ex 1st Outlook Contd.: 15th Sports-world)
1500 Radio Newsworld
15 The Politics of Laughter (ex 1st Education Today)
30 King Street Junior (ex 22nd Radio Active: 29th Two Cheers for June)

ALL TIMES GMT
Urdu
1900 Opening
1910 Behereen Qual
1916 Programme Preview
1920 Songs
1935 Press Report
1940 Subha-e-Nau
2000 News
2040 Hidayat-e-Rabbani
2100 Closedown

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Tareq Rajab Museum
The museum in Jabriya houses a collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world. Summer timings are 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm, Sat. thru Thurs. On Friday the museum is open only in the mornings.
Islamic Arts Museum
The museum, located on Arab Gulf Street, is open from 8.30 am to 12.30 pm and 4.30 to 7.30 pm, Saturday to Thursday. A collection of the finest Islamic art objects are on show.

THEATRE

Sounds Great
Anyone interested in auditioning for future Sounds Great shows — singers, dancers or musicians — are requested to contact Ken Winstoo on 5740256/7 or 5758870.

SOCIAL

United Goans Centre
The UGC will hold their annual Summer Belle 88 contest on August 11. The committee will host a gala event to mark the 10th anniversary of UGC.

ONAM FESTIVAL

The Viswabarathi Theatres, Abbasia, will celebrate Onam on Aug 25 at the Indian Arts Circle. The programme comprises Onam songs, Mohiniyattam, classical dances, Thiruvathirakkali, folk dances, light music, one-act play, boat race and Kerala

rural arts. Those interested in taking part contact Lazar Varghese - 4314511; Thomas Pereumpilly - 4810490 ext. 207; Varghese Paradayil - 2422973.

Kokan Variety Show
The Kokan groups in Kuwait will hold a variety show to celebrate the 40th anniversary of India's independence. It will be held on June 24, Friday, at 5.30 pm, at the IAC, Fun-aites. The show has been organised by the Bazar Kokan, Kokan Literary Circle, Kokan Cricketers and Kokan Fine Arts. All members and their guests are invited to attend the show.

D'Aceasi Association
The association will hold a social evening cum entertainment on August 11 at Messilah Beach Hotel. The event is part of the 40th anniversary of Indian independence. Top Raaks and Next of Kin will be in attendance. For details contact Leena - 2469811, 9.30 am to 5 pm. Henry 3291909/am, 3717346 (pm) or Augustine 5746754 after 6 pm.

Eld Reunion
An Eld Reunion party for Bangladesh engineers and architects will be held at Messilah Beach Hotel, Al Amal Hall at 7 pm on June 23. For details phone 4718517; 4311351; 3713923 after 3 pm.

CINEMA

British Council
The feature film, The Shooting Party, will be shown at the British Council, Mansouriya, on June 25 and 26 at 6.30 pm. It is a charming, perceptive story about the last gasps of the Edwardian society. Approximately 96 minutes. Admission

is free but it is advisable to reserve seats in advance. Tel: 2515512; 2533204.

HOTELS

At the Meridian
Al Fiogan Tea Lounge features a selection of coffee, tea and juice. Live entertainment in the evening is provided. Versailles is open daily for lunch and dinner featuring Continental cuisine. Business lunch with three choices daily also offered. Live entertainment in the evening.

At the Sheraton
Nightly dine in the Hunt Room with live music by the Trio Paradise. For lunch Hunt room offers a la carte. Tarbouche on the roof features a variety of Lebanese cuisine on Sunday nights. Live entertainment by the World Machine Band.

At the Continental
The Gardenia, open from 7 am to midnight, offers dinner buffet on Thursdays; the buffet features grills specialities. The Friday lunch features Indian, Arab and Continental cuisine. The Darbar offers an Indian buffet lunch daily except Fridays and a la carte for dinner.

SPORTS

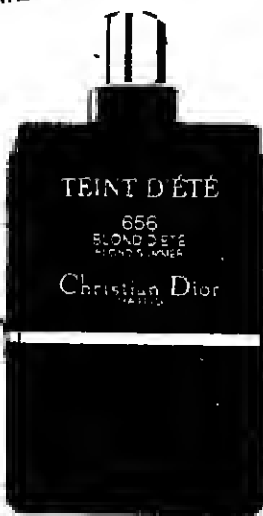
PBAK Bowling Clinic
The Philippines Bowlers Association in Kuwait (PBAK) will hold a bowling clinic on June 24, 12 noon. Topics to be discussed are mental attitude and tools of the trade, basic techniques and approach and strategies. All bowlers are requested to register at 300 Club before Thursday, June 23. Entrance free.

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Study throws new light on lung cancer

CHICAGO, (UPI): Very high doses of the Vitamins B-12 and folic acid have been shown to reverse some of the effects of cigarette smoking on the lungs, in a finding that offers tantalising clues about how cancers may originate.

But the researchers who reported the finding in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* emphasised the results should not be construed as advice on how to make cigarettes safe.

"That would be an extremely stupid thing to do," said Dr Douglas Heimberger, of the University of Alabama at Birmingham. "You wouldn't be able to get the high dosage we used without a prescription, and there is still no evidence indicating it would substantially reduce your risk of lung cancer anyway."

"Besides, there is a much better way to do that," he said. "Quit."

Heimberger said that while the results will probably not lead to a treatment for existing lung cancers, they increase understanding about how such cancers develop.

"We do know that several components in cigarette smoke can deplete folic acid in the blood, and we thought this effect would be particularly strong in the lungs," he said. "Given that folic acid is very intimately involved in the synthesis of the genetic material DNA and to the repair of DNA, it stood to reason its depletion could precipitate the sort of DNA changes that could make a cell cancerous."

Heimberger cautioned his was a small, limited study and that it is impossible to determine if the treated smokers lowered their risk of lung cancer as a result of the vitamin taking.

It has been known for a while that roughly half of all smokers develop abnormal cells in the mucous membrane of their lungs called *squamous metaplasia* cells, which are thought by many scientists to be necessary precursors of lung cancer cells. Non-smokers almost never show these changes.

Heimberger and his colleagues studied deep cough sputum samples from 252 men who had smoked the equivalent of a pack a day for 20 years. Seventy-eight of the 108 who showed abnormal cells were chosen for the study.

Nearly half the group, 36 men, took daily vitamin supplements containing 25 times the recommended dietary allowance for folic acid, a B complex vitamin, and 167 times the RDA for Vitamin B-12. Although folic acid deficiency was believed responsible for the cell changes, B-12 was included in the study because low levels of it can lead to low levels of folic acid.

The rest of the group took a placebo, or dummy pill.

Members of both groups continued to smoke during the four-month study, although they were told throughout they would be better off quitting, Heimberger said.

At the end of the study, the vitamin-taking group showed significant improvement in sputum compared to the placebo group, the researchers reported in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

However, the findings may partially explain lower cancer rates in people who eat a lot of vegetables, the primary source of folic acid in the human diet.

By Dick Thompson

ROBOTS may soon be assisting surgeons in the operating theatre if research going on in America is fruitful.

Scientists at IBM and the University of California's Davis School of Medicine are developing a robotic system that could substantially increase the success of hip replacement surgery.

"As the population ages and the incidence of injuries and arthritis increase, this operation is going to increase in frequency," says Dr William Bargar, an orthopaedic surgeon at Davis.

"The robot-assisted surgical procedure may significantly improve results, particularly for younger, active patients or those who are overweight. Both groups currently run a high risk of failure with conventional implants."

Up to 40 per cent of conventional implants can fail because the acrylic cement, which anchors the synthetic joint to the bone, breaks down in patients who place greater stress on their joint.

"For this reason orthopaedic surgeons have developed cementless implants which have a porous metal coating that bone can grow into and lock into place," says Dr Howard Paul, a researcher at Davis.

Advantage

"In cementless hip replacement the correct fit of the implant to the bone is critical to the operation's success."

Preliminary results using synthetic bone show that the robot can achieve a more precise fit and accurate alignment of the implant than a surgeon working with ordinary hand-held instruments.

Currently surgeons rely on skill and dexterity to minimise movement between the implant and the thigh bone to ensure that the two will fuse properly.

Future for robots in surgery

Scientists in the USA are developing a robotic system that could substantially increase the success of hip replacement surgery.



The robot has the advantage over the surgeon in that it can drill a cavity in the thigh bone to match exactly the size and shape of the implant.

Before surgery, three locating devices called calibration pins are placed in the thigh bone under local anaesthesia. The bone is then scanned by computer-aided tomography, a technique for making an image of a slice of the body.

The images are combined on a computer to form a three-dimensional model to establish the optimal size, shape and location of the implant and its cavity in relation to the calibration pins.

Other potential applications are in operations on the head and neck, and in cancer and

cosmetic surgery.

IBM and the Davis School of Medicine embarked on this project because we felt we could contribute to bio-medicine by applying and extending industrial robotic technology developed in the past 15 years," says Lawrence Lieberman, automation research manager at IBM.

The IBM team adapted AML/X, an advanced robot programming language originated in 1978, for use in the research. This language could compute motion commands like Move and Speed, giving the robot the instructions needed for precise operation.

Guided by the surgeon throughout the operation, the robot locates the precise centre

of each pin and establishes exactly where the implant is to go by drawing on the data stored in the computer. With this information the robot drills the implant cavity to an accuracy of one ten-thousandth of an inch.

Fall-safe

It will be a long time before the technology is used in hospital operating theatres, but the scientists plan to start clinical trials next year with hip replacements for dogs. They are confident that the technique will be used on humans within a few years.

The advantage of AML/X over its predecessor is that it is an "object oriented" language which means that it computes

operations in terms of physical things such as a robot's joints.

IBM claims that the software is virtually fail-safe as it is not only programmed to deal with unexpected events but also has its own built-in debugging capabilities.

Whether the new technology will be accepted by the medical world is another matter. "The American medical profession is carefully evaluating robot assistance in surgery," says Bela Mustis, a research engineer at IBM. "So far we have had some positive response from surgeons in the US, but we must wait to see how the trials go before making further predictions about the new techniques."

In Britain, surgeons are

cautious about welcoming robots into the operating theatre. "There certainly is a future for robotics in surgery," says Professor David Taylor of the Royal College of Surgeons, "but these techniques won't be a panacea. They will not totally replace manual skills. Where we have difficulties in sizing and matching joints I can see a potential for robotic assistance."

"There is bound to be a certain amount of resistance from manual experts as we have already seen in the use of staplers for surgery of the gut. Not everyone feels the same way about introducing new techniques."

Professor Leslie Vaughan, president of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, is concerned about the cost of the new techniques. "The introduction of robotics is likely to be a long way off because of the enormous expense. But then the sky's the limit."

Elimination of wear in replacement joints is the goal of bio-mechanics research currently under way at Durham University and the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology. Encouraging initial results suggest that within a few years replacement joints for hips, knees and elbows could carry lifetime guarantees.

A breakthrough by Dr Tony Unsworth, reader in engineering at Durham, involves modifying the joint's surfaces to allow the body's natural lubricant, called synovial fluid, to do the work.

His technique is to use a tough synthetic polymer layer just 2mm thick between the cup and ball of the joint, copying the mechanism of soft-layer lubrication which gives a healthy human joint its low friction and hard-wearing properties.

Laboratory tests by Unsworth have shown that friction can be reduced to one-tenth of the level found in conventional replacement joints.

On course for a cold cure?

SCIENTISTS at Essex University in Colchester, eastern England, believe they are one step nearer to finding that elusive cure for the common cold, one of the most troublesome infections in the Western world. Although the infection is usually mild, people catch colds frequently throughout their lives and as a consequence, there is a serious economic impact.

Major causes are a group of over 100 viruses called human rhinoviruses. The large number of different rhinoviruses is the main reason why each person can get so many colds, since after an infection with one virus an individual is not protected against any of the others. This also makes a single vaccine against these multiple causes of the common cold unlikely.

Dr Glyn Stanway of Essex University's biology department is researching why there are so many different rhinoviruses and whether they have common features that could be exploited as targets for drugs. Using powerful new genetic manipulation techniques, his team can analyse the structure of the viruses and obtain a new understanding of the results of structural changes. The properties of the modified viruses give an indication of how rhinoviruses attack cells in culture and how they may infect people's noses.

Results of Dr Stanway's work indicate that the most promising target for new drugs is the initial contact between the virus and its target cell. A specific site on the virus is responsible for this contact, the structure of which is now being studied to see whether drugs that interfere with the interaction can be designed. Dr Stanway says: "If successful, these drugs will be effective against a large number of rhinoviruses and should cure almost all common colds."

Elderly dementia in decline

DEMENTIA may be much less common among older people than was previously thought, according to Dr James Lindsay from London's Guy's Hospital.

He has told an international conference in Britain on ageing that as few as 5 per cent of people over 85 are severely affected by dementia, as compared with previous estimates of 20 per cent. Less than 1 per cent of those aged 65 to 74 suffer from the condition, and around 1-1/2 per cent aged between 75 and 84 are sufferers.

Changes The conference, attended by 1000 delegates from 43 countries, also heard that doctors and scientists are getting a new insight into the cellular and chemical changes that occur in the brains of dementia victims. Research has shown that changes in the patterns of sleep and wakefulness that occur in many elderly people and also in Alzheimer's disease sufferers, are due to an alteration in the clock mechanism in the brain — a group of brain cells called the suprachiasmatic nucleus in which there is a reduction of cells in older people.

It is also thought that changes in the ageing and demented brain may be secondary to changes elsewhere in the body, such as the kidney and endocrine glands.

Professor Gordon Wikcock from Bristol University in southwest England, told the conference: "It is clear now that Alzheimer's disease is affecting the brain not only at a cortical level and in the basal nucleus, but also in other transmitter systems. Although this makes it improbable that single therapeutic approach will be developed in the very near future, our increasing insight into the disease may eventually result in an effective treatment."

Combating AIDS with fake virus

By John Webb

SCIENTISTS currently believe the most promising answer to the AIDS problem is a fake virus that tricks the body into thinking it is the real thing, stimulating the defence system as a result.

Two such vaccines are among a host of developments now underway in Britain, where £14.5 million is being spent by the government on a national three-year AIDS research programme organised by the United Kingdom's Medical Research Council (MRC). AIDS research now involves at least 24 laboratories throughout the country.

Most scientists say the disease is a global problem that will only be solved by international collaboration. Accordingly, a centre to coordinate the worldwide campaign against it has been established at the newly built National Institute for Biological Standards and Control (NIBSC) at South Mimms, north of London. NIBSC will play a central role in the standardisation and control of any AIDS vaccines that are eventually used on patients.

One of the first such vaccines to be tested on humans is expected to be that being developed by Professor William Jarrett and his team at Glasgow University in Scotland. Sir James Gowans, director of Britain's AIDS programme, says he is certain phase one trials of this possible vaccine will get under way within the next year, although Professor Jarrett is slightly more

cautious.

The professor has revealed, however, that researchers generally are now much more hopeful of being able to produce a vaccine capable of combating the killer disease, which was only recognised in 1981. Many questions remain to be answered, such as who is really at risk from AIDS and is the pattern of its spread changing?

Defence antibodies

What is the origin of the AIDS virus? Is it the artificial product of genetic engineering? Has it come from outer space? Does it exist in monkeys? Has it

always infected people in Africa? Above all, how does the virus destroy the immune system and enter the brain?

One of the biggest challenges is that, although the body produces defence antibodies against the virus, most of them do not inactivate or neutralise it. The priority of any vaccine, if it is to combat the disease, must be to stimulate the body to boost the levels of neutralising antibodies to the point where they can provide an effective immunity.

The Jarrett vaccine is in fact developed from part of the virus that causes AIDS. This is made up of protein molecules

form the outer coat of the virus and is stuck on to the surface of what is known as an immune stimulating complex (ISCOM). This is made from the bark of an oak tree found in Brazil. The bark substance has long been used by Amazonian Indians as an antidote against poison darts.

The protein molecules from the AIDS virus literally stick out from the ISCOM surface like spikes on a hedgehog. The body's immune system spots these spikes and produces defence antibodies because it has been tricked into thinking the fake virus is the real thing.

Tests on apes monkeys over two years have shown that such ISCOMs work and are safe. Veterinarians have already used the same technique to give 100 per cent immunity against leukaemia in cats.

Some 60 people are likely to be involved in the first trials of the human AIDS vaccine. All will be at low risk of the disease and chosen to see if the vaccine causes them to produce antibodies against the AIDS virus.

If next year's phase one trials work, the vaccine will be given to several hundred people at risk of infection to see if it can protect against the virus in real life. These trials could take place in African countries such as Uganda which have been hard hit by the AIDS epidemic. Come what may, Professor Jarrett warns that it will be at least another five years before the vaccine is ready for general use.

One big advantage of the Jarrett vaccine is that the protein for it can be produced by caterpillars more prolifically and cheaply than the yeasts and bacteria normally used in genetic engineering. Another British team, however, believes that ordinary bakers' yeast could be the key to a new AIDS vaccine.

Professor Keith Gull from Keot University at Custerbury, southeast England, says it has been discovered that a puzzling "jumping gene" in the cells of bakers' yeast produces



An emaciated AIDS patient in Manhattan reads and re-reads a father's day card from his daughter.

particles resembling viruses. He was approached by Dr Alan Kingsman from the biochemistry department at Oxford University — the man who initiated and is leading the research programme — for help in the analysis of these particles. The crucial photographs revealing the virus-like properties of the particles were taken by Professor Gull on the electron microscope in Kent University's biological laboratory.

Genetic engineering

He recalls: "It was an exciting few hours. Dr Kingsman brought down samples of the particles from Oxford in the morning and by lunch-time we had established beyond doubt their virus-like properties."

With the aid of genetic engineering techniques, Professor Gull says elements of the safe outer coating of the real AIDS virus can be fused with the yeast

particles to produce another fake one. He continued: "Experimental tests confirm that this fake virus, which is completely harmless, has the capacity to stimulate the body's defence system into producing antibodies that will destroy the real AIDS virus."

This technique has been patented by the Oxford-based British Biotechnology company and already the firm says great interest has been shown in it around the world. Chief executive Dr Keith McCullagh says: "We hope to establish soon a series of international collaborations with others working at the forefront of AIDS research to bring this yeast-based vaccine to an early clinical trial."

Professor Gull says this discovery may lead not only to protection against AIDS, but also to the development of vaccines against other viral diseases such as hepatitis or influenza.

FAMILY DOCTOR

By Dr ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

QUESTION: I have a condition called fibrocystic breast disease, which I am told is very common. It scares the living daylights out of me to have this lumpiness in my breasts, because my grandmother died of breast cancer, my mother has had it, and I'm afraid I'll get it too. What can I do to prevent this from happening?

ANSWER: With the flood of questions about breast disease that have been addressed to me lately your letter and this answer will be of interest to many.

Besides cutting down on the amount of fat in your diet, there is little that can be done to prevent breast cancer from developing. With careful monitoring of the breasts, however, you can avoid tragic consequences of breast cancer by catching it in its earliest stages.

The presence of fibrocystic breast disease does not mean you will definitely get cancer. In fact, the majority of women with this condition are not at a significantly increased risk of it. About half of all women have some signs of fibrocystic breast disease, which is characterised by breast pain, lumps or cysts. These lumps and cysts are generally benign.

CUTTING DOWN ON FAT: A HEDGE AGAINST BREAST CANCER

You do, however, need extra caution than most, because of the history of the disease in your family.

Major risk factors of breast cancer include being older than 50, never having children, early age of menstruation, late menopause, atypia on breast biopsy, previous history of breast cancer, or having a mother, sister or daughter with the disease.

Your best weapon in fighting breast cancer is early detection. This means you should find a good doctor whom you can feel comfortable with over the years. By seeing the same doctor, he or she will be able to note changes that might be suspicious over a period of time.

The initial examination for a breast complaint should begin with a careful history. This includes giving the physician information about the presence of any mass, pain or nipple discharge, and any changes associated with menstruation, pregnancy, local injuries or medication that could have hormonal effects.

If you've had previous mammograms with another doctor, you should see to it that the new doctor receives copies of the reports.

A baseline mammogram should be given to every woman between ages 35 and 40. They should be repeated every two years until age 50, and yearly after that.

Your doctor must do an extensive physical examination. In many cases, the benign breast lumps need no treatment. In some cases, aspiration of the lump is necessary. This involves the doctor inserting a needle while applying suction. Any bloody fluid that is removed should be examined. Anything suspicious requires biopsy. Some researchers have found that you can lessen the symptoms of fibrocystic breast disease by eliminating caffeine from your diet (although there is some controversy about this). Nowadays, however, this isn't very difficult because there are many decaffeinated products on the market, including decaf coffees, teas and cola beverages.

As I have insisted so many times, the answer to question on breast diseases, particularly breast cancer, lies in the philosophy of early detection and rapid treatment as the best defence against this frightening disease.

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Cicero, Roman scholar (106 BC-43 BC).

Afghan situation

Rough ride ahead for interim government

By Lai Kwok Kin

ISLAMABAD, (Reuters): Rebel commanders fighting in Afghanistan could torpedo the interim government named over the weekend by Pakistan-based guerrilla leaders. Western diplomats and analysts say.

The seven-party guerrilla alliance based in the north-west Pakistan city of Peshawar on Sunday named a 14-member cabinet to be installed in Kabul if the guerrillas defeat Soviet-backed Afghan troops.

But analysts say guerrillas inside Afghanistan, who have not been included in the line-up, would be reluctant to give up power and could hamper the interim government's ability to establish control.

"My view is that whatever form the central government takes, it is likely to be weak," a diplomat said.

"Any government that does not include regional commanders is not going to work."

Political analysts said that despite efforts to portray the guerrillas as united, a deep rift was apparent between the Peshawar-based groups and the field commanders, who control vast areas and enjoy local support inside Afghanistan.

Power

"It is hard to imagine commanders such as Massoud casually giving up power and resources after struggling as hard as they have," said a diplomat.

Ahmed Shah Massoud, who has scored many successes against Soviet and Afghan forces, controls much of the strategic Panjshir Valley north of Kabul.

Analysts said many field commanders had become "local warlords" with an effective administrative apparatus. They often conducted operations independent of the alliance.

The interim cabinet led by Ahmad Shah, a United States-trained engineer, would be based inside Afghanistan within the next few months, alliance officials said.

The cabinet has a roughly equal distribution of alliance

members but would take orders from a supreme council of alliance leaders.

Western diplomats said the interim government would probably be based in eastern Afghanistan, near the Pakistan border. Soviet troops began withdrawing from the area in May.

All Soviet troops, more than 100,000, are to leave Afghanistan by February 15, 1989 under United Nations-mediated accords signed between Afghanistan and Pakistan on April 14. The United States and the Soviet Union are acting as guarantors.

Control

Analysts said the alliance, confident Afghan President Najibullah's government would not last long after the Soviet withdrawal, was eager to show it had a government ready to take control.

Western analysts have speculated the guerrillas could topple Najibullah even before Feb 15.

The alliance is trying to put on display as quickly as possible an interim government to muster support from Afghans and from the international community, one diplomat said.

"But it is not going to be that simple."

Any government would have to demonstrate its effectiveness in providing services to the local population, analysts said.

Alliance chairman Syed Ahmad Gailani, announcing the cabinet, made no appeal for international recognition for the interim government.

The alliance is split between moderates such as Gailani and hardliners such as Gulbuddin Hekmatyar who handed over the rotating three-month chairmanship to Gailani last Wednesday.

Hekmatyar had said no Soviet soldier should be spared during the withdrawal, a policy publicly opposed on Sunday by Gailani.

Gailani said guerrillas "should refrain from acts which may delay the process of the Soviet withdrawal."

"Conflicting statements such as these demonstrate clearly the differences between the groups," a diplomat said.

China's Communist Party faces crisis

By William Kazer

PEKING, (Reuters): China's ruling Communist Party has seen its ranks swell to a record 48 million people but it faces a crisis of confidence due to rampant corruption and abuse of power.

Official publications have been filled with stories exposing corrupt officials and accusing them of using their positions and economic reforms to get rich quickly.

They also warned that if left unchecked, corruption could endanger a programme of reforms begun in 1978.

"Corruption has seriously undermined the prestige of the party and the government and has corrupted the general standards of social conduct," the official People's Daily wrote in a recent commentary.

"If we do not strictly punish those cadres who have violated the law... it will be impossible to puncture their 'despotic arrogance,'" the newspaper said.

The China Daily said on Monday tougher punishment was in store for government officials found guilty of bribery or corruption, though it gave no details.

Encourage

It also said foreign businessmen would be encouraged to inform on corrupt officials in a drive to combat an increase in "negative and unhealthy phenomena."

Foreign investors used to complain that Chinese officials would often say business proposals needed time for "study" or "yenzijiu" that was a play on the words for tobacco and liquor in the northern Chinese dialect, meaning that a gift was required to gain official approval.

Times and tastes have changed.

"The problem is much worse than before," said a Japanese businessman, "when we want to do business, officials frequently

say they want foreign currency."

The official New China News Agency reported last week that the ranks of the Communist Party had reached an unprecedented 48 million members and that it had turned away three out of four applicants.

It also said that more than 656,000 members had been disciplined in the last five years and 153,000 expelled.

"What the ranks of our party and government lack is quality not quantity," the People's Daily said last month.

Apathy

Membership in the party, once barred to those of suspect political background such as children of landlords and "rightist" elements, is now open to anyone over 18. Political apathy and disagreement with party policy serve to keep a cap on applicants, however.

In a commentary entitled "A search for the cause of decay within the Communist Party," the People's Daily on Friday called for a new and closer look at the roots of corruption.

"As we move towards a market-oriented economy, power is still overly concentrated in the hands of a few officials," it said, noting that this was a cause of abuse.

"Senior officials seek big personal gains while junior officials seek smaller gains," said the Workers Daily on Friday.

Since 1978 China has implemented a broad programme of reform introducing liberal economic policies and ideas that once would have been shunned as capitalist.

That has raised living standards for most of the nation's one billion people, but it also has created new opportunities for those who abuse power.

The People's Daily on Monday published a front-page story on the Communist Party secretary of the northern city of Luoyang under the headline "Let us expose the use of power for personal gain."

Prime minister antagonising her traditional supporters and critics

Thatcher revolution hits raw nerve

By Maureen Johnson

LONDON, (AP): Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, always more respected by Britons than liked, is antagonising both her traditional critics and supporters as her right-wing revolution confronts the cherished welfare state.

Despite parliamentary rebellions, public weariness with her combative style and polls showing widespread dislike of key aspects of her policies, her dominance of her Conservative Party and the country appears unchallenged.

High

The polls show why: most Britons feel they are better off, and most believe that — like it or not — Thatcher's recipe for a free-enterprise society and ending the "dependency culture" will improve the economy in the long term.

However, there are signs of unease within the Conservative Party about both the Thatcher style and the radical programme she is pursuing in the third five-year term she won last year.

"They're going too fast, they're too strident in their tone,

Thatcher's personal profile is too high," Sir John Nott, who was Thatcher's defence secretary from 1979 to 1983, said in a recent television interview.

"You cannot conduct politics over a continued period and reform the country if everything is seen as the policies, or not the policies, of a single individual," he said.

After two terms of assailing inflation, powerful labour unions and inefficient state-owned industries, Thatcher is treading into more sensitive territory.

Her programme now affects millions of Britons personally, through an overhaul of education, a revision of welfare benefits, a new property tax and tight funding of the state-run National Health Service.

Worries

"Only now have the philosophical aspirations of Thatcherism taken concrete form," the Economist weekly commented. "Thatcherism is now on trial."

What worries some Tories is that the Thatcher forcefulness that tamed the unions looks less admirable when used to push through measures directly tou-



Margaret Thatcher

ching people's lives and pocket-books.

Conservatives more liberal than Thatcher winced, for example, at slashing the top income tax rate this year by one-third to 40 per cent while removing state housing subsidies from several million families as part of the changes in welfare benefits.

Thatcher shows no such unease, fueling charges she is becoming more abrasive and dogmatic and has reduced parliament — where she has had big majorities since winning power in 1979 — to a rubber stamp.

Increasingly, she rolls out the big guns to get her way. In Jan-

uary, she offered a three-line whip, the toughest voting strictures parliamentary managers can impose, to defeat a bill introduced by a rank-and-file Tory lawmaker who sought to liberalise Britain's strict official secrecy laws.

Lost

The bill was lost, but the normal Tory majority of 101 in the 650-member Commons slumped to 37. Rebel legislator Sir Ian Gilmour described the Thatcher order as "whole misperception, authoritarian and a sorry display of executive arrogance."

In April, the property tax bill, which replaces the single house tax with a flat-rate levy on every adult living under the same roof, provoked the biggest revolt yet. An attempt by a rank-and-file Tory member of parliament to relate the tax to income was lost by only 25 votes.

When the tax measure risked defeat in the unelected House of Lords, Conservative parliament managers drafted in an array of land-owning aristocrats to vote for the government.

They included peers who almost never attend sessions of the largely hereditary chamber.

Thatcher maintains that making everyone pay the tax will bring home the cost of electing the higher-spending Labour Party to local councils, which impose property taxes.

The Thatcher bossiness, the fabled furies, have become part of the national folklore — a sort of joke in which she herself occasionally joins.

Temper

A fellow cabinet minister quipped that at a recent cabinet committee meeting which had to be cut short she quipped: "There is only time for me to lose my temper and get on my own way."

What Thatcher, a small town grocer's daughter who has taken over the most traditionally male-dominated party in Britain, does not find amusing are the continuing charges she lacks compassion.

Recently she has taken to quoting the Bible and religious thinkers in support of her free-enterprise, wealth-creating philosophy.

Political insiders say she both resents and is surprised by her personal unpopularity — as Gallup's last sounding, 45 per cent of respondents rated her lik-

cable, compared with 60 per cent for opposition leader Neil Kinnock.

"They do not like my success," Thatcher told the Sunday Times of London. "And of course some of them are snobs. They can never forgive me for coming from a very ordinary background."

Britons generally see Thatcher's Britain as more materialistic and divided, prompting popular comedy routines.

Nott interpreted the conflicting national attitudes — voting for Thatcher policies while professing to dislike many of them as evidence that old attitudes ingrained by four decades of post-war welfarism endure amid the new prosperity.

Forty-nine per cent of people questioned in a market and opinion research international survey in June told pollsters they favour a "mainly socialist" society, as opposed to 43 per cent who opted for "mainly capitalist."

But a two-thirds majority said that Thatcher policies were right for long-term economic prosperity and 74 per cent of the 1,030 voters surveyed said they were satisfied with their standard of living.

US presidential election

Economy may emerge as pivotal issue

By John Dillon

PALO ALTO, California: Despite the recent political flurry over astrology, drugs, and Gen. Manuel Noriega, it is America's economy that could eventually emerge as the pivotal issue in November's presidential election.

A number of economists, pointing to higher interest rates, worry that a recession could be less than a year away. The stock market has lost its luster. The outlook is growing shaky for some industries, such as housing. All this could be worrisome for George Bush, who hopes the economy — now in a record sixth year of expansion — remains vibrant long enough to lift him into the Oval Office.

Stanford economist Michael Boskin, however, says recent apprehensions over the nation's economic outlook is premature.

Dr. Boskin, the vice-president's chief adviser on economic matters, says flatly: "I do not foresee a recession early in 1989."

Interviewed at his Stanford office, Boskin predicts good economic news will predominate throughout the campaign and well into next year.

Rebound

"Certainly there are some regions and some areas and some industries that aren't doing terribly well. (But) some are starting to rebound. In the auto industry, Ford has made a remarkable comeback, hiring new workers for the first time in years. (US) exports are up 23 per cent."

Boskin says that Bush will begin to flesh out his economic policies this summer as he describes his vision for the economy beyond the Reagan years.

To a large extent, Bush's proposals are expected to reflect

the views to Boskin, who describes himself as "pragmatic" and "eclectic," an economist who "has learned from many schools of thought in economics. I'm not a slave to any one school of thought. I've tried to take what I think is the best of each of them, and I think none of them has a monopoly on the truth."

Boskin, like Bush, calls the federal budget deficit "the most urgent problem facing the country." He helped Bush devise a budget plan, a "flexible freeze," designed to whittle down the deficit to zero over the next four or five years.

That can be done with no increase in taxes, and without crimping social security benefits, he says.

"A flexible freeze means spending would grow, but only at the rate of inflation. ... Flexible means that some programmes can grow more rapidly than that, while others which are deemed not as high priority ... would grow less rapidly."

Balance

A flexible freeze would bring the budget into balance by 1992, Boskin predicts — or a little later if the economy fails to maintain its recent rate of growth.

During the interview, Boskin addressed a number of areas where Bush and Democrat Michael Dukakis could clash in this fall's campaign, including:

● Trade deficits. Boskin calls the deficits a "minor problem" compared to the successes of the economy. "It would be silly to make a balance of trade the primary goal of economic policy," he says. "I will remind you that such poor and poorly-run economies as Romania had trade surpluses in recent years. I doubt we'd want to emulate them."

● Trade with Japan. The Reagan White House doubled

the number of cases against unfair trade practices, and "we should redouble our efforts to get (Japan) to play fair," Boskin says. But he cautions that unfair practices account for only a small percentage of America's deficit with Japan.

● Supply-side economics. President Reagan relied on supply-side policies like tax cuts and tax reform during his eight years — policies Boskin calls "sensible." As a result incentives to work, save, invest, and innovate were largely restored, Boskin suggests, although further cuts are needed in capital gains taxes to promote new investment and jobs.

● Defence spending. From slightly below \$20 billion a year in 1980, Boskin says, by adopting reforms proposed in 1986 by the Packard commission, a group appointed by the President to examine Pentagon management and expenditures.

● Energy taxes. Boskin rejects a gasoline tax or other new energy revenues unless they are used to reduce other taxes. "I don't think we need a tax increase," he said.

● Energy supplies. Recent events, including higher oil imports, should prompt the US to do more forward planning to avert another crisis. "We need to ... increase our insurance a little bit," he says.

Boskin avoided criticism of Dukakis — with one exception. The governor has a number of ideas for subsidised programmes to help US industry, Boskin notes. But he sees dangers, even if those programmes start small. "Congress (will) take whatever merit or demerit there is in (such) ideas and magnify it 10- or 100-fold," he warns.

The Christian Science Monitor News Service.

Vietnam's limbless heroes receive US private aid

By Richard Roth-Haas

HANOI, Vietnam, (UPI): Tiny amounts of private aid from the United States are secretly reaching armless and legless Vietnamese veterans of the "American war," backdoor money that helps keep alive the US effort to locate remains of America's missing-in-action.

Vietnamese veterans, and government officials say they have a right to the aid because of the devastation the country suffered in the war.

Officially, the United States is not convinced. While the United States has a history of rebuilding countries it defeats in war, Vietnam's problem is that it won.

But the Vietnamese government estimates more than one million people were disabled in what they call the "American war," including 60,000 amputees.

Forced

Most of the disabled no longer hate the United States, but they believe it has some responsibility to help them live a normal life.

In 1968, Dao Thanh Loc was a North Vietnamese Army regular in the Khe Sanh campaign against the South when an artillery round destroyed his left leg.

"We called the aggressors 'American imperialists,' but I think only some were imperialists," Loc said, his facial muscles quivering with emotion.

"Sometimes I feel sorry for the Americans who waged that terrible war. Most of the American

troops were forced to come to Vietnam and fight.

"However, US launched and waged the war so US must bear all responsibility for humanitarian assistance to war disabled in Vietnam and all the families that suffered losses."

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1533 — Ferdinand of Austria and Sulaiman I of Turkey sign peace treaty.
- 1543 — England's King Henry VIII issues ultimatum to France, serving as declaration of war.
- 1636 — French and Savoy forces defeat Spanish at Tornavento, Italy, but Savoy refuses to march on Milan and advantage is lost.
- 1826 — Pan-American Congress meets in Panama under influence of Simon Bolivar in effort to unite American republics.
- 1894 — Dahomey is proclaimed a French colony.
- 1941 — Germany invades Soviet Union in World War II.
- 1957 — Three British subjects are sentenced to imprisonment in Cairo, Egypt, espionage trial.
- 1969 — Southern Yemen's president As Shaabi is overthrown and replaced by five-man presidential council.
- 1972 — Irish Republican Army's provisional wing announces conditional ceasefire in Northern Ireland conflict.
- 1973 — Skylab 1 astronauts return safely to earth after record 28 days aboard first US orbiting space station.
- 1974 — United States assures Israel it has no plans to sell weapons to either Egypt or Syria.
- 1987 — Gunfights break out in south Beirut's slums, where foreign hostages are believed held.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Egypt will not abolish low dollar rate

CAIRO, June 21, (Reuters): Egypt told a visiting International Monetary Fund (IMF) delegation yesterday it could not abolish an artificially low dollar rate now used to subsidise food for the poor.

"It is difficult for Egypt at present to raise the Central Bank rate of 0.70 pounds to the dollar," Economy Minister Youssef Mostafa told the Middle East News Agency after talks with Paul Chabrier, a senior IMF official.

"We use this rate to finance food supplies for the benefit of the poor," he added.

State subsidies on basic goods were put at \$1.8 b (\$783 m) in the budget for the fiscal year starting in July.

Switching such purchases to the current market rate of about 2.25 pounds to the dollar would raise costs, economists said, and invite a recurrence of bloody riots which swept Egypt in 1977 and forced the government to revoke price increases.

The IMF mission is reviewing economic reform measures by Egypt, which needs a favourable IMF verdict in order to reschedule more of its foreign debts totalling more than \$43 billion.

Industry sources say price war is unlikely

OPEC appears to abandon official crude oil prices

ABU DHABI, June 21, (UPI): OPEC, steered by powerful Gulf Arab members, appears to have abandoned official prices in favour of a larger market share, but a price war is unlikely, officials and oil industry sources said yesterday.

At its last week's meeting in Vienna, the organisation extended a much-violated agreement on production on prices for a further six months.

The 13-member Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries is still producing around 18.5 million barrels a day and world oil prices are between \$3 to 4 below OPEC's official benchmark of \$18 a barrel.

That is at least one million b/d above the level that should be produced by the organisation members — 15.06 million b/d for 12 members and the 2.37 million b/d output quota claimed by Maverick Iraq to conform with its repeated demands for quota parity with its Gulf war foe, Iran.

Iraq has refused to sign the agreement and OPEC ministers predicted it will maintain its output at the present level of around 2.8 million b/d.

"The Gulf Arab members, and especially Saudi Arabia, were clearly satisfied with the outcome of the meeting," said a highly-placed Gulf official.

"On the one hand, they do not want to return to their role as swing producer and sacrifice their market share to defend oil prices, and on the other, the present price range (of \$13 to 15 a barrel) appears comfortable," the source said in an interview.

Maintaining the status quo was clearly a victory for the Gulf producers against the price hawks, led by Iran, who were pressing for a production cut-back to prop up falling oil prices.

Together the five Gulf Arab producers — Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Iraq, UAE and Qatar — pump a daily average of 10 million barrels a day, some 54 per cent of OPEC's total output.

Saturated
The agreement came as no surprise for the world oil markets, already saturated by excessive output by producers both inside and outside the cartel.

A London-based Gulf Arab trader even predicted a further \$1 a barrel drop if OPEC maintained its current levels of out-

put.

"There is too much crude available ... and stocks are relatively high," the trader said in a telephone interview.

However, Gulf-based officials and oil industry sources dismissed as highly unlikely a repetition of the 1986 oil price crash, when prices tumbled to a record low of \$7 a barrel. They cited what they called a 'real' pick up in demand on OPEC oil during the second half of this year.

Average
Kuwait's Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Khalifa, a barometre of Gulf Arab thinking, was quick to dispell any bullish sentiment that might have emerged at the end of OPEC's four-day meeting on June 14.

Speaking at a press conference, Sheikh Ali said the "temptation to especially when prices firm up on widely-held forecasts of the increase in demand."

According to the Kuwaiti minister, call on OPEC crude is expected to average at around 19 million b/d during the third and fourth quarters this year.

"One could expect a firm base of prices ... but not too firm," he

cautioned.

After closing some 20 cents lower on Friday, oil prices continued their downward trend yesterday and lost another 35 cents with North Sea Brent, the world's most traded crude, changing hands at \$15.20 a barrel a midday in European markets.

West Texas Intermediate, the US benchmark crude, also opened 10 cents lower on the New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX), hitting a new low of \$16.30 a barrel, traders said.

Gulf-based oil industry sources expected prices to hover around the same levels for at least another two months, before firming up in September, when demand is expected to increase for the winter season for heating purposes in the Northern hemisphere.

Ceiling
"July and August are going to be exceptionally difficult," predicted the London-based Arab trader.

"It is very clear now that for the Gulf members, \$18 a barrel constitutes a ceiling and not a base price as envisaged by members such as Algeria, Libya and

Iran," he said.

However, he added, "much depends" on the production policy yet to be announced by the UAE, which last week rejected its OPEC-assigned quota of 948,000 b/d.

"Our fair and official quota is 1.5 million b/d," retorted the UAE's outspoken Oil Minister Mana Saeed Al Otaiba.

Keen
Oil industry executives, speaking on condition of anonymity, yesterday said they still have not received any new instructions and expected the present output of around 1.25 million b/d to remain unchanged.

Although OPEC ministers were keen to send a 'positive' signal to non-OPEC producers by extending the agreement, the final communiqué had failed to mention any date for another joint meeting with the outside producers, preferring instead a continuation of the existing dialogue through bilateral forums.

It is still to be seen whether the two sides will agree on convening such a meeting prior to OPEC's next ordinary session in Vienna on Nov 21.

World Business Summary

Soviet Union's new law on co-operatives criticised

MOSCOW, June 21, (AP): The manager of Moscow's first co-operative restaurant said yesterday a new law governing the businesses could cause many to close, rather than promote their growth. Andrei Fyodorov said the law, which goes into effect from July 1, contains some "unreasonable measures and could make the co-operative movement null and void." Fyodorov, who opened his cafe Kropotkinsky No. 36 in Moscow in March 1987, was one of several panelists at a briefing for journalists on the new law. The Soviet parliament approved the law last month after Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev made clear he is depending on development of co-operatives to provide consumer goods and services the inefficient state-run economy cannot deliver. But Fyodorov and another spokesman for co-operatives appeared sceptical that the law will stimulate the businesses. The provision most often attacked by co-operative manager: sets a personal income tax of 27 per cent on a monthly income of 1,000 rubles (\$1,600) and 53.5 per cent on an income of 2,000 rubles (\$3,200). The tax rate eventually reaches 90 per cent. "We view this as a blow against the co-operative movement," said Vladimir Sorokin, who works for the newspaper Literaturny. "At least it is very good theoretically, but in practice it is bad." Sorokin said the purpose of the co-operative is to increase production, but taxation at the rate proposed will thwart ingenuity.

Japanese supermarket chains halt sale of S. African goods

TOKYO, June 21, (AP): Amid mounting international criticism of Japanese trade with South Africa, two local supermarket chains announced today they will suspend sales of products from the African nation. The decision by Daiichi, Japan's largest nationwide supermarket chain operator, and Jusco, another major operator, follows a move by Ito-Yokado in halt sales of South African canned goods because of growing criticism within the company against South Africa's official policy of racial segregation. Daiichi officials said they made the decision out of economic, not political, considerations. "We decided to stop buying those products because they don't sell well," an official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. "But it does not mean we will resume the sales if we find South African products which sell well." He refused to provide sales figures of the African products sold. An official of Jusco, which ranks fourth in sales in Japan, declined to elaborate on details of its decision. The move came as Japan faces rising international criticism over its trade with South Africa. Last year, Japan became South Africa's largest trading partner, surpassing the United States and West Germany. Japan's two-way trade with South Africa last year rose 19 per cent, to \$4.27 billion, according to preliminary Japanese figures. Jerry Matsuda, head of the Tokyo office of the anti-apartheid African National Congress, called the decision "a great start." Japan currently prohibits all direct investment by local companies in South Africa, bans imports of South African iron and steel, and limits cultural, sports and tourism exchanges.

Survey shows Americans can live happily with \$30,000 a year

NEW YORK, June 21, (UPI): A survey of 1,008 American adults with incomes in the \$30,000 a year range shows the majority believe they have enough money to live productively, happy lives. Parents magazine reported yesterday. The survey found, however, that most of those polled would be a lot happier if they had an extra \$10,000 a year income. "The message of the American dream is to go out and earn more and buy more, but these people are already satisfied," said Bob Marks, the president of the economic consulting firm Stiff, Oakley and Marks, Inc. Of those happy with their incomes, 72 per cent said they had no problem putting food on the table, 56 per cent said they had money for entertainment and 43 per cent said they were able to put money into savings. However, 41 per cent of those polled believe they are missing out on something in life because they do not have enough money for vacations, a new house or a new car. Prof. Henry Aaron of the Brookings Institution wrote in the article that the results of the survey showed "a sign of national maturity." "The United States is certainly rich enough for the majority of its population to live a fulfilling life," Aaron said.

Texaco claims victory in showdown with Icahn

TULSA, Okla., June 21, (Reuters): In what has been dubbed the highest board fight in corporate history, Texaco Inc. claimed victory yesterday at a shareholder meeting where Carl Icahn was challenging for seats on the board of America's third largest oil company.

"We think it's substantial, we don't think it's close," Texaco chief executive James Kinnear told a news conference, giving his view of the likely outcome.

Premature

An Icahn spokesman called the projection premature, although Wall Street's initial reaction was that the challenger had probably lost his bid to win five vacant seats on the 14-member board.

Texaco officials said they could take weeks to give an official count for the election, with nearly 250 million share votes possible.

On Wall Street, scepticism that Icahn had won the challenge caused Texaco's shares to fall \$1.625 to \$47.875 at the end of the trading day, a recent low, analysts said.

During the meeting, Kinnear defended the company's restructuring plan to sell off certain assets, saying it would "eliminate overhead, improve earnings and

generate cash for more profitable investments."

"We have increased your company's profitability and made excellent progress in a major restructuring designed to provide a prompt and substantial enhancement in the value of your shares," he told shareholders.

Kinnear said the restructuring plan, under which \$3 billion of assets will be sold, will distribute one-third of the proceeds to shareholders.

Icahn told shareholders they should have a chance to vote on his \$60-a-share takeover proposal, which values the company at \$14.5 billion. He has said he would use his board position to advance a bid if he wins. In response to a shareholder's question, he also said he would consider raising his offer.

Proposed

"As this proxy fight goes, I think corporate governance goes. I think you are standing here at one of the most important crossroads of our nation's economic history," Icahn said.

Icahn, the chairman of Trans World Airlines Inc., and Texaco's largest shareholder with 14.8 per cent of the total, has proposed that he and four associates be put on the board.

Despite stock market crash

House prices soar in most major world cities

NEW YORK, June 21, (Reuters): Oblivious to the stock market crash, property prices are booming in most major cities around the world.

This is what emerges from a recent Reuters survey which shows Britain and France leading the European property bull market.

Prices in the most sought-after areas of England have climbed by 45 per cent this year. In the most fashionable area of Paris, prices tripled over a five-year period.

"In my 21 years in this business I have never seen the housing market so strong in all price ranges," said Trevor Kent, president-elect of Britain's National Association of Estate Agents.

Strong

Japan, India, Australia, Poland, Kenya and Chile were also experiencing a strong real estate market, but in West Germany it was slow and in Morocco and the debt-ridden Latin American countries of Mexico, Brazil and Argentina it was weak.

In North America, Washington and Toronto have experienced booms since the crash, while Chicago and Los Angeles have

recorded strong price increases. In New York, the overall market has been termed 'soft' except at the lower level and at the top range where foreign buyers have pushed prices higher.

In few countries was the October stock market crash cited as a factor in the condition of the property industry. Rather, it was a result of local conditions.

Art Aston, executive vice-president of the Los Angeles Board of Realtors, said the crash had "little or no impact" in his region. "Here in California, real estate has always been seen as a solid investment and not volatile like the stock market," he said.

Stagnant

In Argentina and Brazil, economic crises have been blamed for a housing market that has remained stagnant for several years. In Mexico the slump in the price of oil, of which it is a major producer, was identified as the culprit.

Chile, on the other hand, has enjoyed an economic recovery for the past four years since overcoming its debt crisis.

"The house market is strong because there is confidence that the economy will continue to grow," said a Santiago agent. He reported that a two-

bedroom house in one of Santiago's preferred leafy suburbs cost about \$55,000 now compared with \$30,000 last year.

Madrid, long a backwater in the European property market, is also experiencing a robust market, with the price of a two-bedroom house or apartment tripling in the past five years. The reason, say property dealers, was an influx of foreign investment since Spain joined the European Economic Community in 1986.

Triple

In Tokyo, a voracious appetite for homes caused land prices to triple between 1985 and mid-1987 before pulling back as speculators cashed in their profits, but they are still twice as high as three years ago.

Britain, Australia and India are among the few countries to identify any impact from the stock market crash, and all say it helped to boost prices.

In Britain, Kent said that as a result of the crash, many investors had returned to the safe haven of property.

"The man with, say, 25,000 pounds (\$45,000) to invest has had his fingers burned in the stock market, and has said to himself 'let's put the money into the house instead,'" he said.

US savings and loan industry losses \$3 billion in first quarter

WASHINGTON, June 21, (UPI): America's troubled savings and loan industry lost more than \$3 billion in the first quarter of this year, a deficit the government blames on mismanagement rather than the economy, the New York Times reported today.

The Federal Home Loan Bank Board planned to announce the loss today, and unidentified industry sources told the Times the quarterly deficit could be between \$3.5 billion and \$4 billion after final calculations. Such a loss would mean that since the fall of 1987, savings and loans have been losing money at a rate of more than \$13 billion a year, the Times said.

Signal

The steady losses would serve as a clear signal the bank board has yet to make progress in solving the problems generated by

more than 500 insolvent savings and loan associations and another 300 to 500 institutions with very little net worth, the newspaper said.

The government insures deposits of up to \$100,000 at the savings and loans.

Indicate

The comptroller of the currency, in a study of banking failures released yesterday, said the primary cause of such problems is mismanagement. The study contradicts the opinion of many bankers and savings industry executives that the economy is primarily to blame for the failure of financial institutions, the Times said.

In a fourth quarter of 1987, the savings and loan industry had recorded quarterly losses of \$3.2 billion. Two-thirds of America's 3,200 institutions reported profits of \$1.3 billion, and the

remaining third reported losses of \$4.5 billion.

The first-quarter loss of 1988 could break the record, some experts told the Times.

"Those numbers would indicate the kind of increasing rate of deterioration that we have all feared," R. Dan Brumbaugh Jr., a former bank board economist who is now a San Francisco financial consultant, told the newspaper. "And it intensifies the need for congressional and presidential attention to the issue."

Industry experts have also said that, as in the last quarter of 1987, a few savings and loan associations with major losses are swamping the profits of the majority of the industry. They expect the bank board to report that 70 per cent of the industry was profitable in the first quarter, the Times said.

Maritime experts urge Arabs to expand commercial shipping fleets

ABU DHABI, June 21, (OPECNA): A team of maritime experts has urged Arab governments to expand their shipping fleets to make up for the "dwindling" share of Arab maritime transport in world trade.

According to a study released here on Sunday, only three to 3.5 per cent of total Arab trade transported by sea is being shipped by Arab vessels.

The study, conducted by the Arab Transport Strategy Committee, an affiliate of the Arab Academy for Maritime Transport, will be presented to transport ministers from the 21-member Arab League in Tunis later this month.

Entitled "Towards a maritime strategy until the year 2000," the study points out that some 80 per cent of the world's total trade of 3.4 billion tons is transported by sea.

However, it stresses that while the industry is booming abroad, Arab sea transport fell from 13 million tons in 1984 to 9.70 million in 1985.

The study calls for member countries of the Arab League to adopt measures that would expand their fleets and develop the sea transport industry.

Reliant

It also urges governments to increase funds and extend more facilities to the relevant industrial projects, according to Abdel Wahab Al Diwani, director of the Sharjah-based Maritime Academy.

As a first step, the study calls on the Arab League transport ministers to "strengthen cooperation among Arab states, especially among regional groupings, to set up joint fleets."

It asserts: "Member states should also issue a unified law

that stipulates that national shipping companies should lift at least 40 per cent of Arab trade."

The study notes that oil and gas currently represents over 90 per cent of Arab global foreign trade, but this is expected to increase as the world becomes more reliant on the Middle East for its energy needs.

At present, Arab countries produce a total of around 13.50 million b/d of oil, most of which is exported, says the study.

According to the figures, the world's merchant fleet stands at 23,188 vessels this year with an aggregate deadweight tonnage of 586.70 million.

Al Diwani said that Arab ship-owners would also be urged to register their vessels at Arab ports and work towards the elimination of the so-called 'open' registration with foreign ports.

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LONDON (Alpha Stocks)

NAME	LAST	INCHCAPE	200/0
ADT LTD	126.0	JAGUAR	272.0
ALD LYONS	438.0	LADROCK	423.0
ARMSTRONG	204.0	LAND SECS	580.0
ARSTLL GP	189.0	LAPORTE	437.0
ASDA GP	157.0	LASMO	454.0
BAA	70.00	LEGAL-GEN	296.0
BAT INDOS	428.0	LEHMAN	261.0
BARCLAYS	415.0	LUCAS IND	525.0
BASS	794.0	MAGNET	235.0
BEAZER	177.0	MARKS+SP	175.0
BEECHAM	445.0	MARXELL C	218.0
BELFORD	334.0	METAL BOX	213.0
BICC PLC	329.0	MEPC	545.0
BLUE ARW	120.0	MIDLAND BK	436.0
BLUE CIRC	413.0	MTF FOODS	304.0
BOC GP	403.0	NESTLE	60.73
BOOTS CO	219.0	NEWCASTLE	394.0
BPB INDOS	297.0	PEARL	485.0
BR COMM	258.0	PEARSON	702.0
BR AIRWAY	150.0	PILKINGTON	203.0
BR AEROSOL	395.0	PLESSLEY	162.0
BR GAS RG	191.0	PRUDENTIAL	159.0
B.P.	263.0	RACAL	329.0
B.P. NEW	68.0	RANK HVS	385.0
BR TELCON	243.0	RANK ORG	728.0
BRITNOL	43.00	RECKITT+CO	910.0
BUNZL	573.00	REDLAND	435.0
BURMAN OL	232.0	REED	412.0
BURTON	377.0	RYL BK SC	370.0
CABLESWIR	412.0	RNC GRP	480.0
CADBURYS	237.0	REUTERS	534.0
COATS VTY	400.5	RITZ CORP	448.0
COMS GOLD	088.0	ROTHMAN B	443.0
COOKSONS	088.0	ROTHMAN T	443.0
COURTAULD	337.0	ROYAL INS	421.0
DALGETY	330.0	SAATCHI	368.0
DEE CP	195.0	SAINSBURY	227.0
DIXONS	183.0	SCOT+NEW	344.0
ENR CHINA	443.0	SEAGRAM	557.0
ENTER OIL	470.0	SEARS	114.0
F&I BARCK	130.0	SEEDWICK	223.0
F&I BARCK	85.0	SHELL	255.0
GEN ACCID	893.0	SMITH IND	125.0
GEN ELEC	155.0	SMITH+NEP	275.0
GLAND	356.0	STOREHOUSE	273.0
GLAXO	139.0	SUN ALLIA	983.0
GLYNED	325.0	TARMAC	240.0
GUARD MET	938.0	TATE+LYLE	815.0
GUARD RTL	938.0	TESCO	152.0
GUINNESS	332.0	THORN ESE	654.0
HANSON	141.0	TRAF HNT	320.0
HARPER SID	507.0	TSE	104.0
HILLSDOWN	278.0	T + M	175.0
ICI	054.0	TRUSTEE	258.0
IMI	208.4	ULTRAMAR	312.0

LONDON (Beta Stocks)

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
1ST CHARL	124	130
2ND ALICE	722	722
A B PORTS	539	538
A.B.ELECT	414	416
A.S.U. NEW	162	162
AAN HLD	264	264
AARONSON	115	115
ACRE OIL	227	228
ADDISON	43	43
ADVEST	363	361
ALEX WRK	180	180
ALEXON	391	393
ALL COLL	135	133
ALL IR B	238	238
ALL PLNT	56	56
ALLIANCE	81	81
ANAR	267	268
ANEC	375	373
ANER TRST	124	124
ANERSHAN	442	441
AN HLTHC	232	234
ANGIA TV	173	174
ANGLO O'S	215	214
ANSBACHER	80	81
APPLEYARD	439	438
APRITORT	109	109
APY PLC	115	116
AQUA.A.	80	80
ARAN ENGT	80	80
ARCHER AJ	150	150
ARLINGTON	201	201
ARMSTRONG	136	135
ASHLEY LA	124	124
AT ASST	49	48
AT ASST W	10	10
ATLANTIC CH	337	336
ATTWOODS	309	308
AUS REE A	278	277
AUS REED	378	380
AUTO SEC	253	253
B.UEWILL	169	168
BAILL JAP	497	495
BANK IRE	210	210
BANKER IT	69	69
BARKER DO	141	141
BART DEV	184	181
BATHNES C	274	290
BEJAM GP	164	164
BELHAVEN	47	47
BENLOH RD	53	52
BENTLEY	140	135
BERKELEY	342	342
BHIA MINT	193	192
BH GROUP	121	121
BK OF SCO	364	364
BLACKWOOD	52	51
BLACK LE 2	20	20
BUNNETT +F	36	36
BOSSA MAS	255	0
BODDINGTON	175	175

NEW YORK

NAME	OPEN	MID-DAY
A BSCH COM	31/0	30/7
ATLANTIC R	83/6	83/4
AAR CORP	25/0	25/0
ABBOTT LAB	44/7	44/6
ACME CLVD	0	11/5
ADV MICRO	15/3	15/3
AEROFI LAB	8/3	8/4
ACTIVA LIFE	45/2	45/0
ARMANSON	15/5	15/5
ATK PR-CHM	47/4	47/5
ALASKA AIR	18/1	18/1
ALBERTSONS	31/6	31/6
ALBMA 8-16	0	83/0
ALCAN ALUM	32/3	32/2
ALCO STAND	24/0	23/7
AM CYANAMID	58/0	57/6
AM ELET PM	28/7	28/7
AM HON PRO	75/2	75/0
AM HON PRO	77/1	77/1
AM STORES	52/6	52/6
AM TEL-TEL	26/6	26/6
AMCO CORP	76/2	75/6
AMP INC	49/2	48/6
AMPO PITT	0	13/2
AMR CORP	46/7	46/3
AMR GEN CO	30/5	30/7
AMERADA NE	27/4	27/4
ANTHONY ELE	13/7	13/7
APACHE CP	7/3	7/2
APACHE PET	2/6	2/6
ARMSTRONG	38/1	38/3
ASHLAND OIL	68/5	68/7
ASIA PACIFIC	7/0	7/0
ATLS CORP	0	33/7
AVERY INT	22/2	22/3
AVNET INC	24/5	24/4
AVON PRODS	24/3	24/3
AXEL	30/4	30/4
BELLSOUTH	42/1	42/2
BELO CP A	29/6	29/6
BETH STEEL	21/2	21/4
BEVERLY	5/2	5/3
BK BOSTON	26/0	26/4
BK BOSTON	0	49/2
BK NY-NY	34/2	34/3
BK TR-NY	35/3	35/1
BKAMERICA	12/0	12/0
BKAM SPEC	6/5	6/5
BOEING CO	55/2	54/5
BOISE CASG	44/7	44/7
BORDEN	49/6	49/7
BOUWER	34/3	34/3
BR TELCON	43/2	43/2
BRIGGS-ST	32/7	32/6
BRIST-MYER	41/0	41/0
BRUNSWICK	21/0	20/6
BRUNNAN INC	13/2	13/2
C 3 INC	10/5	10/4
CABOT CORP	39/6	39/5
CAESARS W	27/0	27/0
CAL FREIGHT	0	22/0
CAS NAT GS	14/7	14/5
CAS-COOK	27/7	27/7
CATERPI TR	66/2	66/2
CB I IND	31/3	31/3
CBS	157/5	157/2
CENTEL CP	46/7	47/2
CHAMP INTL	36/5	36/2
CHAMP SPA	12/4	12/3
CHARTER CO	3/7	3/7
CHASE MAN	28/0	27/6
CHENED CP	32/5	32/6
CHENIC BNC	29/6	29/5
CHEVRON	50/0	49/6
CHRYSLER	24/7	24/6
CHRYSLER	56/5	56/2
CHRYSLER	6/0	5/2
CIGNA CORP	46/7	46/5
CIN MILAC	24/4	24/3
CIT ST	36/2	36/3
CIRCLE K	14/4	14/4
CITICORP	23/4	23/3
CLARK EQUI	34/4	34/3
CLOROX	30/2	30/1
COMBIL RES	1/2	1/3
COMBIL RES	25/1	25/1
CONTR DATA	25/5	25/5
COOPER T-R	36/6	37/0
COOPER COR	9/7	9/6
CORNING GL	54/4	54/4
CRANE	30/4	30/0
CRAY RES	84/1	84/2
CULLINER	8/1	8/0
DANIEL IND	0	7/5
DATACORP	22/3	22/2
DATAPONT	5/2	5/3
DAYTON HUB	35/4	35/3
DEERE CO	110/5	110/4
DELTA AIR	51/5	51/4
DIAMOND SH	14/4	14/5
DIEBOLD	39/0	38/5
DISNEY W	62/4	62/1
DOVER CORP	70/0	69/2
DOW CHEM	88/0	87/4
DOW JONES	34/4	34/3
DRESSER IN	33/2	33/0
DREYFUS	28/2	28/3
DUKES POWER	46/5	46/3
DUN BRAD	50/5	50/1
DUPONT	88/1	87/5
DUKES INC	14/7	14/6
DYNAMICS	28/2	28/2
E STYERS	28/3	28/3
EAGLE PICH	30/0	30/0
EASTERN G	25/4	25/4
ENERSON EL	31/3	31/1
ENERSON RA	3/4	3/4
ETRYL CP	22/0	22/0
EKON	46/2	46/2
FAN DOL ST	11/3	11/3
FED EXPRESS	42/7	42/7
FIELDCREST	17/5	17/5
FIN COR-AN	1/0	1/0
FLEETWOOD	22/4	22/3
FNC CORP	36/7	36/7
FORD MOTOR	52/2	52/0
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FOXBORO CO	31/1	31/1
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GAUNNETT CO	32/3	32/3	NEARILL LT	
GALVESTON	1/6	1/5	NESA OFFSH	
GATX CORP	47/4	47/5	MOBIL OIL	
GCA CPA	0	5/2	MOMSTAND	
GEARHART	12	12	MONTANA PO	
GEN DATA	3/4	3/4	MORGAN JN	
GEN DYNICS	53/7	54/0	MORT THIO	
GEN ELECT	43/2	43/1	MOTOROLA	
GEN HOST	11/3	11/2	MRSB-MCLEH	
GEN HOUSTR	9/2	9/3	MURPHIT OIL	
GEN INSTR	37/3	37/1	HAT INTERG	
GEN MILLS	46/7	46/2	MBI CORP	
GEN MOTORS	79/6	79/4	NCR CORP	
GEN SIGNAL	53/7	53/6	HEW ELE EL	
GENCORP	19/0	19/0	HEW PLA RE	
GENETECH	26/6	26/3	NEWELL CO	
GENIUNE PA	37/3	37/1	NEWMONT MI	
GENO P-870	75/4	75/1	NEUMUTH GLD	
GEORGI-PAC	61/0	40/1	NI MONS-10	
GIBR FI CL	3/1	3/1	NI MON-72	
GLOBAL MAR	1/1	1/0	NICOLET IN	
GOLDEN HUG	14/0	14/0	NICOR INC	
GOODRICH	54/2	54/1	HI INDS	
GOODYEAR	65/5	65/3	NOBLE AFF	
GODD INC	14/2	14/3	NORD RESOU	
GRACE MR	26/6	26/3	NORTHROP	
GRAINGER	58/2	58/2	NORTON	
GREYHOUND	30/4	30/4	NOVO IND	
GRUMMAN	21/5	21/4	NUCOR CORP	
GULF RES-C	14/6	15/0	OAK INDS	
GULF-WESTN	42/1	42/3	OGC PETRCP	
HALLIBURTON	31/5	31/5	OCEAN DRIL	
HALLWOOD	0	16/1	ODGEN CORP	
HANNA MIN	30/0	29/7	OH ED OO	
HARRIS CP	29/2	29/4	ONIO MATT	
HARTMARX	25/0	25/0	OLIN CORP	
HECLA MIN	15/5	15/5	ONICARE	
HEINZ NJ	40/2	40/0	ORION PICT	
HEL CURTIS	35/0	34/6	PAINIE WEB	
HELM-PATME	22/3	22/2	PAK AN	
HERCULES	47/2	47/4	PANHANDLE	
HESSTON	0	3/7	PARK ELECT	
HEM-PACK	53/7	53/5	PARKER ORI	
HEXCEL CP	33/4	33/6	PATRICK PET	
RIILLENBERG	34/2	34/3	PATYCK CSR	
HTL HTLS	46/6	46/3	PULLMAN OO	
HITCH	110/5	110/2	PC IND8-96	
HIXTIE INC	16/0	16/0	PENIN CENTR	
HINDY-BARROW	18/0	17/7	PEOPLES EN	
HOLIDAY C	28/4	28/4	PEPSICO	
HOME DEPOT	28/2	28/2	PFIZER	
HONDA MOTO	24/2	24/4	PHELPS DOD	
HONEYMELL	74/0	73/6	PHILIP MOR	
HOUGHTON	36/2	36/3	PHILIPS PE	
HOUSTON IN	31/5	31/4	PILLSBURY	
HUGHES SP	18/1	18/1	PIMMACE V	
HUMANA INC	26/5	26/4	PITN-BOMES	
IBM	117/7	117/1	PITTSBURG	
IC INDUST	31/2	31/2	POLAROID	
ICN PHARMA	7/2	7/1		
ILL PLUR CO	18/4	18/4		
IWCO LTD	32/5	32/5		

AMBEAN

London - Sumitomo Bank Capital Markets Inc is issuing a 150 mln dir Eurobond due November 22, 1993 paying 9-3/8 pct and priced at 101-1/2 (lead manager Bankers Trust International said. (RTYM 0818)

Paris - The French bond committee said it has approved three new domestic issues, including a four billion franc four-tranche issue for Electricite de France. (RTUC 1308)

London - Iloham Foods Inc is issuing a 120 mln dir equity warrant Eurobond due July 7, 1993 with an indicated coupon of 4-1/4 pct and par pricing, lead manager Nomura International Ltd said. (RTYU 1414)

London - Amcol Ltd is issuing a 100 mln Australian dir undated convertible Euu obond with an indicated nine pct coupon at par, lead Morgan Stanley International said. (RTYN 0831)

Zurich - Austria's Autobahnen Und Schnellstrassen Finanzierungs AG is issuing a 150 mln Swiss franc, 15 year, five pct bond priced at 99-3/4 pct, lead manager Union Bank of Switzerland said. (RTVD 1443)

Interest Rates

FOLLOWING are the average KD interest rates of local inter-bank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	6-7/16	6-7/8
3 months	6-7/16	6-13/16
6 months	6-3/8	6-3/4
1 year	6-3/8	6-13/16

PHILIPPINES MAKATI

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SECTOR				BC-A	83.50	84.00	
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	LC-A	.44	.45	.44
AC-A	9.40	9.50	9.40	LC-B	.45	.46	.46
ANS	3.60	3.65	3.60	PX-A	.41	.42	.41
FLO	3.40	3.45	3.40	PX-B	.42	.43	.42
GER-A	36.50	37.00	36.50	OIL SECTOR			
LPST	184.00	185.00	184.00	BP-A	.023	.024	.022
KPDI-A	1.92	2.00	1.86	BP-B	.023	.024	.023
SHC-A	149.00	150.00	149.00	LRC-A	.003	.0032	.0032
SHC-B	202.00	203.00	201.00	LRC-B	.003	.0034	
MINING SECTOR				OPW-A	.04	.041	.04
APX-A	.042	.043	.043	OPW-B	.04	.043	
APX-B	.043	.044	.044	DV-A	.036	.037	.037
AT-A	21.50	21.75	21.50	OV-B	.037	.038	.037

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NO.	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
	848,800	11,861,760	871.27	2.91 UP
	170,074,400	5,690,450	5,714.71	51.97 ON
	341,050,000	6,614,420	6.517	0.043 UP
	51,973,200	24,198,580	875.78	0.51 UP

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SECTOR				STOCK			
	BUY	SELL	OPEN		BUY	SELL	OPEN
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	BC-A	83.50	84.00	84.00
SNC-A	149.00	150.00	149.00	BC-B	88.00	95.00	
SHC-B	202.00	204.00	203.00	LC-A	.44	.45	.44
SO-TIME	29.50	31.00		LC-B	.45	.46	.46
PLDT	183.00	184.00	184.00	ZIP	.013	.014	.013
ANSCOR	3.65	3.70	3.65				
AC-A	9.40	9.50	9.40	OIL	BUY	SELL	OPEN
GLO	36.40	37.00	36.50	BP-A	.023	.024	.023
FER-A	3.40	3.45	3.45	BP-B	.023	.024	.023
SPC	3.45	3.50	3.45	LRC-A	.003	.0032	.003
				LRC-B	.003	.0032	.0032
NINING				OPM-A	.04	.041	.04
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	OPM-B	.04	.042	.041
APX-A	.043	.044	.043	OV-A	.036	.037	.037
APX-B	.043	.044	.044	OV-B	.037	.038	.037
AT-A	21.25	21.50	21.50	TA	.024	.025	.024
AT-B	24.00	24.50	24.00				

OFFICIAL INFORMATION				
	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
C/I	6,268,770	28,904,030	866.56	UP 2.90
MINING	421,295,500	16,392,055	5,026.49	DN 41.40
OILS	509,500,000	10,307,180	6.954	UP 0.055
TOTAL	937,064,270	55,603,265	860.63	UP 2.08

NAME	LAST	PR	CL	GS	127	128	LEONGHAT	
				GUNNESS	295	296	N LTD	168 173
				GULA	-----	-----	N LTD WFG	74 77
AJINOMOTO	200	200		I N LND	144	149	M'SHITA	620 620
ALAMAH	83	83		H TAI PAN	65	65.5	M'WATA	64 64
AXEL HLDGS	160	160		HARIMAU	105	108	MAGNUM	232 238
AXCOL	144	149		HAW PAR	356	364	MALEX IND	380 380
BA TABOR	170	170		HEKZA	93	92	MARCOPOLE	119 117
C & C	266	271		HEKZA RTZ	42	42	MCS NLDSG	89 82
CARLSBERG	486	486		NIND HOTA	46	42.5	NENABING	52.5 54.5
COLD STAR	400	408		RTL M'SIO	450	450	METAL BOX	420 428
DATAPAI	49	49		RTL NEGAR	270	270	MTC BHD	394 394
DKH	505	505		NTL PROPS	127	134	MULPHANIA	29 29
DUNLOPIND	113	116		RTL ROYAL	133	131	MURATA	60 60
ELECTRIC	444	444		HUME IND	189	190	MYCON BHD	160 160
DUCEB MAGN	140	143		INT WOOD	76	76	N ST TIME	358 364
ESSO ORD	390	394		INTRACO	292	306	NB TIMBER	102 105
FU TAN S'N	205	205		ISETAN	610	640	OLE	424 428
EVERPEACE	100	-----		J CEMENT	75	75	P MALAYAN	260 250
F A C B	60	60		JACKS LTD	123	123	RENKOW	36 36
F E ASSET	70	70		JOHAN NGD	49.5		S PACIFIC	284 284
F E SHIP	223	228		K S HLDGS	120		S PRESS	705 720
FBN ORD	-----	890		K L LIND	220		SAN HLDGS	442
FEB CABLE	67	-----		K L T20	43.5		SANYO	95 95
FUJITEC	656	656		KAMUNTING	100		SATERAS	63.5 66
G LUMBER	105	107		KECK SENG	196	196	SEAL INC	106 106
GAINDA HDG	60	39		KENTUCKY	260	266	SEAVIEW	199 206
GEN CORP	79	83		KEPPEL	249	258	SIN	1090 1120
GENTING	520	525		KG FLOOR	214	214	SIA LIN	69 71
GOLD COIN	210	210		KIAN JOO	150	150	SOUTH (M)	84 84
GOODWOOD	1050	1050		KINGS MTL	166	172	TIME ENG	155 155
GRAND CEN	135	138		KUP ENAS	108	108		

SINGAPORE STOCKS CLOSE LOWER ON PROFIT-TAKING
SINGAPORE, JUNE 21, REUTER - SHARE PRICES CLOSED LOWER
OVER A BROAD FRONT ON PROFIT-TAKING IN A SHARP REACTION TO A
213-POINT PLUNGE ON THE TOKYO STOCK MARKET, BROKERS SAID.
THE STRAITS TIMES INDUSTRIAL INDEX FELL 1.32 PCT TO
1,058.07 FROM MONDAY'S 1,072.27. THE BEARISH TREND THAT
SURFACED IN THE MORNING CONTINUED WITH FALLS LEADING RISES BY
153 TO 40. TURNOVER SHRANK TO 43.6 MLN SHARES FROM 60.6 MLN ON
MONDAY.
"TODAY'S FALL WAS NOT ENTIRELY UNEXPECTED AS PROFIT-TAKING
AND A PERIOD OF CONSOLIDATION WERE VIOLENTLY ANTICIPATED AFTER
THE RECENT RALLY," ONE BROKER SAID.

BANK SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	NIGN	LOW	VOL	TRAIL
-NATIONAL BANK	0.910	0.910	0.910	0.910	420000	1
-GULF BANK	0.395	0.400	0.395	0.390	760000	1
-COMMERCIAL BK	0.315	0.315	0.315	0.305	1670000	4
-AMLI BANK	0.370	0.370	0.370	0.360	720000	1
-B.K.N.E	0.370	0.360	0.360	0.360	300000	1
-K.R.E.B.	0.445	0.445	0.450	0.445	2000	1
-BURGAN BANK	0.300	0.290	0.300	0.290	1420000	5
-K.F.HOUSE	0.465	0.460	0.465	0.460	1180000	2
INVESTMENT SECTOR						
-KUT INV. CO.	0.174	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-K.F.T.C.I.C.	0.210	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-K.I.I.C.	0.156	0.162	0.162	0.160	160000	-----
-COM.FACILITIES	0.460	0.455	0.455	0.455	137427	-----
-ADLIAN INV.	0.000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-I.F.A.	0.104	0.104	0.104	0.104	120000	-----
-INV. PEARL KWT	0.110	0.110	0.110	0.110	356000	-----
INSURANCE SECTOR						
-KWT INSURANCE	0.690	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-GULF INSURANCE	0.350	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-AMLIA INS. CO.	0.350	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-WARBA INS. CO.	0.440	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
REAL ESTATE SECTOR						
-KWT R.E.ST. CO.	0.224	0.224	0.224	0.224	280000	-----
-UNI R.E.ST. CO.	0.114	0.114	0.114	0.114	40000	-----
-MAT R.E.ST. CO.	0.206	0.210	0.210	0.208	200000	-----
-SALMIAN R.E.	0.075	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-KWT PROJECTS	0.089	0.089	0.089	0.089	240000	-----
-KWT R.E.I. CON	0.000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
INDUSTRY SECTOR						
-MAT IND. CO.	0.480	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-KWT N.P. IND.	0.290	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-KUT CEMENT CO.	0.240	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-REF. IND. CO.	0.400	0.400	0.400	0.400	10000	-----
-N.A.N.T. CO.	0.000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-GULF CABLE	1.050	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-K.PH.IND. CO.	0.198	0.196	0.198	0.196	180000	-----
-CONT.MARINE	0.350	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-K.SH.REP.CO	0.042	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

	Buying	Selling
US dollar	27653	27801
Sterling	49278	49625
D.M	15703	15814
S. fr	18902	19042
F. fr	04651	04696
L. ira	0002115	0002133
Jap. yen	0021877	0020447
B. dinar	73740	73772
UAE dir	07528	07571
S. rial	07369	07416
O. rial	07594	07641
Q. riyal	71798	72304



LONDON, June 21, (Reuters): Sugar prices rose to their highest level in 4-3/4 years in London yesterday, boosted by reports that China was buying and that major producer Cuba might have difficulties keeping to its shipment schedules, dealers said.

The so-called "London daily raws prices," a world benchmark, jumped \$14.40 a tonne, or 5.6 per cent, to \$272.

Surging demand is one reason for the rise.

Dealers said China bought as much as 100,000 tonnes of raw sugar last week, bringing purchases so far this year to nearly 3.5 million tonnes.

Heavy rains briefly closed Cuba's main bulk sugar terminal at Cienfuegos, tying up 70,000 tonnes of sugar due for export, the Cuban national news agency Ain reported on June 9.

In central provinces, parts of some roads and railroads washed away in the worst floods in 30 years. At least 3,000 hectares (7,400 acres) of recently planted sugar cane were flooded and lost, the news agency said in its June 9 report.

Chinese and Japanese traders have been big buyers of Thai sugar to avoid being caught short

But Japanese dealers say they do not expect Cuba will move to nullify delivery contracts by invoking so-called "force majeure" clauses which allow cancellation when natural catastrophes hit a crop.

The Soviet Union is also trying to find alternatives to Cuban sugar, arranging swaps under which it will this year get an estimated 1.7 to 2.2 million tonnes from Western dealers in exchange for some of its 1989 Cuban imports.

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE	OE BUEHR I	1120	1070
BAER HGBS	12900	12850	OE BUEHR N	248.00	243.00
BALOTISE PS	22525	22505	OE BUEHR P	264.00	257.00
BBC I A .	2330	2330	ROCHE BABY	11600	11600
BK LEU I	2700	2630	ROCHE I	83000	81000
BK LEU M	2450	2425	RUECKVER I	13300	13200
BK LEU PS	430	433	RUECKVER M	6000	6000
CFV	0	1110	RUECKVER P	1960	1960
CIR GEIG I	3300	3285	RT TR BK	1250	1275
CIR GEIG M	1515	1505	S BAKGSL I	3170	3210
CIR GEIG P	2185	2160	S BAKGSL M	590	585
CKW	1215	1250	S BAKGSL P	117.50	116.50
CRED SUJ I	2485	2460	S BAKVRI I	354	354
CRED SUJ M	465	467	S BAKVRI M	278.00	278.00
EG LAUFEN	0	1800	S BAKVRI P	298.00	301.00
ELEKTROMAT	2980	3000	SANDOZ I	12025	11875
ENS CHEN I	3590	3500	SANDOZ M	5050	5040
ENS CHEN P	0	0	SANDOZ P	1970	1970
GLOBUS I	7650	7600	SULZER N	5250	5275
GLOBUS M	0	6900	SULZER PS	457	460
GLOBUS PS	1250	1250	SVB	1740	1745
JACOBS S I	7700	7700	SWISSAIR I	1150	1150
JACOBS S M	1230	1230	SWISSAIR M	955	970
JACOBS S P	630	630	W THUR I	5475	5450
JELN I	2625	2625	W THUR M	2550	2525
JELN PS	372	369	W THUR PS	677	679
LANDIS N	1190	1180	ZURICH I	5900	5875
LANDIS PS	110.00	109.00	ZURICH N	2520	2520
HERCK I	802	800	ZURICH PS	1830	1850

GENEVA, June 21, (Reuters): Several Western nations, including the United States, plan today to accuse their trading partners of violating free trade rules, GATT spokesman David Woods said yesterday.

He said they would contend that these nations had violated a "standstill" commitment not to apply any new trade-distorting measures during the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade's 105-nation, four-year Uruguay round of negotiations.

It will also charge that new Canadian import restrictions on dairy products including ice cream and skimmed milk

Friction

Trade has become a source of friction even among allies, and countries such as the United States have increasingly resorted to using every legal means to cut their trade deficits.

Washington will complain that Switzerland introduced a price support programme for soybean production for the first time in February, that Greece

Today's proceedings would take place under the surveillance body, which does not have power to enforce GATT rules. But if a GATT member did not get a satisfactory response, it could ask for a dispute panel.

"The surveillance body has become one further area where you can make representations on areas you believe are contrary to the GATT and contrary to the undertakings made at the Uruguay round," Woods said

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Farm issue remains unresolved

Summit leaders offer debt relief to poorest countries

TORONTO, June 21. (Agencies): Leaders of the world's seven largest industrial countries drafted a final economic communiqué today which offered the poorest countries of the world new debt relief but failed to make progress in the fight over agricultural subsidies.

The draft communiqué, obtained from summit sources, said the leaders at their three-day meeting had agreed on a plan which allows creditor countries to choose from a menu of options in granting debt relief to nations of sub-Saharan Africa.

Subsidies
But on agricultural subsidies issue they essentially adopted vague language which papers over West European and Japanese resistance to President Ronald Reagan's proposal to eliminate subsidies by the year 2000.

In the largely self-congratulatory draft statement at the end of the 14th summit, the leaders declared the club of rich countries will launch a new seven-year cycle of summit starting in France on July 14-16 of next year.

"Summits have proven an effective forum to address the issues facing the world economy, promote new ideas and develop a common sense of purpose," the draft said.

Officials completed the 34-paragraph statement at 5 am (0900 GMT) and the leaders met through the morning putting the final touches on the communiqué.

Momentum
"Since we last met," the leaders said, "our economies have kept up the momentum of growth. Employment has continued to expand, inflation has been restrained, and progress has been made toward the correction of major external imbalances."

"These encouraging developments are cause for optimism but not for complacency," the draft

said. "To sustain non-inflationary growth will require a commitment to enhanced cooperation. This is a key to credibility and confidence."

The proposal on Third World debt essentially represented adoption of a compromise put forward by Canada that permits countries to exercise several options for granting debt relief. These options are an extension of the time period for paying off loans, reducing interest rates or actually writing off a portion of the loans.

Extend
The United States was willing to extend payment periods but was opposed to the other two debt relief measures, prompting the need for the menu approach.

On the farm subsidy question, the world leaders failed to make any movement toward Reagan's proposal for an end to all farm subsidies by the next century, adopting instead language simply instructing their trade negotiators to keep working on the problem.

US President Ronald Reagan, questioned by reporters before the final session, acknowledged that "there are some differences of opinion" on the subsidy question but he said, "I am not going to give up on that."

The communiqué contained no surprises or new breakthroughs except for the Third World debt plan.

Endorsed
The leaders endorsed the process of closer economic cooperation which was begun at the Tokyo summit in 1986, saying the system, which has been championed by Treasury Secretary James Baker, was a key reason that the world was able to avoid a global economic downturn following the stock market collapse.

"Developments in the wake of the financial strains last October



US President Reagan reacts as he listens to a comment from US National Security adviser Colin Powell (right) as the President arrives for the plenary session on the last day of the economic summit. (Reuters wirephoto)

demonstrate the effectiveness and resilience of the arrangements that have emerged" the statement said.

To further the co-ordination process, the statement said the countries were adopting use of a commodity price indicator to give them an early warning when inflationary pressures were rising. The indicator will monitor the prices of some 40 different commodities, including gold.

The communiqué gave no details of the commodity indicator, which was first

proposed by Baker last September. However, European sources said that two separate indicators had actually been agreed on — one including oil prices and one without. Gold would have a weight in the index of five per cent, said these sources, who spoke on condition their names were not used.

The economic communiqué was to be read later in the day by Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney at the closing session of the three-day summit among the United States, Japan, West

Germany, France, Britain, Italy and Canada.

Yesterday, the United States reacted cautiously to a bold Japanese proposal to ease the debt burden of the world's biggest debtor nations.

Officials said the plan would be a non-starter if it meant shifting the lending risk from private banks to government or taxpayer-financed institutions such as the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

Deserved
US Treasury Secretary James Baker told a news conference that the plan, which had not formally been made public, was a very technical proposal that deserved to be looked at.

"But if it transfers, expressly or impliedly, private credit risk to international financial institutions or creditor governments, we will express serious reservations and concerns about it," Baker said.

The Japanese plan is completely separate from a debt-relief scheme that the summit leaders are stitching together for the poorest countries.

Under the proposal, circulated a few days ahead of the summit by Finance Minister Kiichi Miyazawa, the IMF would administer a special trust fund to be set up with money provided by Japan and the reserves of the debtor countries, according to Japanese officials.

The fund would be used to guarantee bonds that the debtor nations would issue in exchange for existing loans that they would buy from the banks at less than 100 cents on the dollar.

Swap
A swap along these lines was pioneered by Mexico and Morgan Guaranty Trust, a leading New York bank, in February and reduced Mexico's \$113-billion debt by over \$1 billion.

Baker said Japan had presented the idea as an additional item

for the "menu of options" available to commercial banks which finance heavily indebted middle-income countries such as Brazil, Mexico and Argentina.

"At least that's the characterization they've put on it," he said. "We want to make certain that's the way it will work in practice," he said.

US officials are worried privately that the plan smacks of generalized debt relief and, as such, runs counter to the case-by-case approach advocated by Baker.

Strategy
They are also cool to the plan because it could imply that Baker's strategy, which is based on an assumption that the big Latin debtors can be nursed back to financial health through a combination of new loans and sound policies, was not working well enough.

And by giving a big role to the IMF, even as a trustee, the plan could set an unwelcome precedent at a time when many governments, notably the United States, are trying to curb public spending, they say.

Baker said other finance ministers at the Toronto economic summit had also stressed that the Japanese plan would have to avoid a taxpayer bailout of commercial banks.

Great deal
Nigel Lawson, Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer, said the plan would require a great deal more consideration before there could be any question of agreeing on any parts of it.

"It does raise a whole lot of issues which are very tricky issues and I am not at all sure that it is entirely the right way to go," Lawson said in a television interview.

"It was certainly put forward with the best of intentions, but there will certainly not be any agreement on that at this summit," he said.



HH the Amir yesterday received the Sudanese Minister of Energy and Mines, Bakri Ahmed Adel, who handed HH a message from the Sudanese President Mohammed Al Mirghani. The meeting was attended by Kuwait's Oil Minister Ali Al Khalifa Al Athbi and the Sudanese ambassador to Kuwait.

KD deposit rates firm

KUWAITI dinar deposit rates firmed yesterday at the shorter end of the market ahead of Wednesday's KD100 million three-month Treasury bill issue.

Dealers said tomorrow's next funds to finance the bills shot up to 10 per cent offers and 6-1/2 per cent bids. Spot-next was quoted at 7-1/2, 6-1/2 per cent from six per cent levels on Monday, while one-week was put at 7-1/2, 6-3/4 per cent after deals at seven and 7-1/4 per cent.

Fell back
The Central Bank lent six-month money at 6-1/2 per cent but fixed period rates were not affected, dealers said.

One-month firmed to 6-7/8, 5/8 per cent from Monday's 6-5/8, 3/8 per cent but later fell back to 6-3/4, 1/2 per cent with few or no deals.

Other periods were virtually unchanged from Monday at 6-5/8, 3-8 per cent for two to six-month periods and 6-5/4, 3-8 per cent for the nine and 12-month. The Central Bank adjusted its dinar exchange rate, unchanged since last Wednesday, to 0.27723/32 to the dollar from 0.27690/00. Commercial banks quoted the spot dinar at around 0.27728/32.

Meanwhile in Bahrain, Saudi riyal interbank deposits were little changed in quiet trade yesterday following a short burst of activity in one, two and three-month deposits early in the day. But dealers said demand for riyal deposits remained strong due to relatively firm levels after being pushed higher by Saudi Arabia's first 1.5 billion riyal (\$400 million) government bond issue.

Gold prices fall

Dollar, stocks steady after W. German rate hike

LONDON, June 21. (Reuters): The dollar was steady and stocks moved little today as investors seemed to shrug off a promised West German interest rate increase they had feared might shake the world's money markets. Gold prices fell.

Top officials at the Group of Seven industrial nations summit in Toronto were quick to reassure investors that a West German rise would not signal an international round of interest rate hikes, or a US-German conflict over monetary policy like one last October which helped set off the crash of 87.

Move
The dollar held steady at about 1.7575 West German marks and 126.40 yen, despite the West German central bank move to raise a key rate — the Bundesbank's so-called 'REPO' rate — at which it

provides funds to the nation's banks.

"Market rates have already run away from the Bundesbank. The REPO rate should go up to 3.75 at least," a Frankfurt currency dealer said. The Bundesbank raised the REPO rate to 3.5 per cent from 3.25 per cent.

West German shares firmed, with the Boersen-Zeitung index opening 2.07 points higher at 306.37.

Meanwhile, London's FTSE index of 100 blue chip shares opened 2.7 points lower at 1,841.3 and then recovered to just above 1,850 by late morning.

Unsure
Dealers said they were still unsure if Britain would follow West Germany's lead and push interest rates higher.

And interest rate jitters still depressed Tokyo, the world's

largest stock market, which closed down before the West German rate hike.

The 225-share Nikkei Average fell 213.46 points, or 0.76 per cent to 27,925.57. Yesterday it fell 203.43 points.

Investors worry that costlier borrowing will cut into companies' profits and make it harder to sell goods on credit.

To nudge

They have been watching the Toronto summit for any sign that leaders of the United States, Japan, West Germany, France, Italy, Britain and Canada may have agreed to tighten credit.

Yesterday in Toronto, a senior West German official said his country planned to nudge the REPO rate higher after keeping it steady since the crash. He did give a timing for the rise, but his

remarks defused growing market speculation on the subject.

French Finance Minister Pierre Bérégovoy, who was also in Toronto, said he was not surprised by the West German increase, adding that he expected the move because of the country's preoccupation with inflation.

He said it did not mean other rates would rise.

In France, he said, "the economic environment is still conducive to envisaging a cut in interest rates in the coming weeks."

Although in theory, higher interest rates should attract funds to West German bank accounts and bonds and so buoy the mark, the West German currency slipped half a penny to trade at 3.14 to the British pound sterling.

US oil prices fall sharply amid ample supplies

NEW YORK, June 21. (Reuters): Ample supplies of oil on world markets sliced 40 cents off the price of a barrel of crude yesterday, leaving West Texas Intermediate at a three-month low of \$16.

Much of the day's activity centered on the fast-paced futures market where the July contract fell briefly below \$16 a barrel for the first time since March 17.

The July contract expires today and traders were rushing to close their positions rather than have to take actual delivery of the petroleum.

Surplus
"It reflects the surplus physical supplies," a trader said. The July delivery contract on the New York Mercantile Exchange finished down 45 cents a barrel at \$16.

The cash market followed futures, falling 41 cents to \$16.01 for oil put in the pipeline next

month. But futures contracts for delivery later in the year posted smaller losses.

The market had become overbought since the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries mid-year meeting that ended last week in Vienna after members decided to extend their existing production ceiling until the end of the year, traders said.

Refuses
Some analysts say that the organisations move may not have been sufficient and that it needs to reduce output for the second half of the year if the oil market is to be stabilised.

OPEC members extended their 1988 first-half quota of 15.8 million barrels per day (BPD) for 12 of the 13 members, but doubts persist whether OPEC members can limit production of their national quota levels.

Iraq still refuses to join the quota system because its demand

for an output figure equal to that of its Gulf war enemy Iran has not been granted. Also, the UAE claims that its 948,000 BPD OPEC quota is inadequate and that 1.5 million BPD is a more realistic level.

North Sea Brent blend, the most actively traded international crude oil, traded around 25 cents a barrel in New York, falling to \$15.27 dollars for August delivery.

In London, crude oil prices were little changed on world spot markets today, but traders said that current good supplies of physical crude continued to be a feature of the spot market.

Albeit
Large amounts of Iranian crude are on offer into Europe at the moment, albeit in a low key way. Most of these are in the hands of traders rather than refiners and so must be sold or moved into storage, a fact which

has not escaped buyers, traders said.

In addition, the UAE's well-published discontent with the crude oil production quota assigned to it by the OPEC has fuelled speculation among traders that production from OPEC may be set to rise.

Speculation
But today brought no confirmation or denial of such speculation, and prices essentially moved very little throughout the day, according to traders.

Towards the end of European trade, the most widely traded crude on international markets, Brent Blend, remained unchanged, while the benchmark US grade of WTI had slipped 10 cents a barrel. Dubai prices quoted below have changed from July prices to August, and therefore although they show a 20 cents a barrel drop they are essentially unchanged.

India wins promises of more aid

PARIS, June 21. (Reuters): India won promises of more financial aid from wealthy countries at a summit of the World Bank, pledged India about \$6.3 billion this year, up 16 per cent from last year's \$5.4 billion.

Coped well
A World Bank statement said the two-day meeting attended by 13 nations as well as aid bodies of the India consortium felt India had coped well with last year's drought, the worst for 100 years.

The World Bank had recommended donors give at least \$5.8 billion this year.

"This is a vote of confidence in India's economy and a reflection of the faith of the international community in the country to

resolve its problems," Venkatarman said.

He said that of the total aid committed, \$3.9 billion was likely to be on concessional terms against 3.3 billion in concessional aid last year.

"Each country has done its best and we see the 6.3 billion figure as a floor not a ceiling," he said.

Donors agreed that India needed easy terms on its loans to continue its efforts to alleviate poverty and boost its industry.

Growth
Venkatarman said he expects Indian economic growth of seven per cent this year.

In a background note to the meeting, the World Bank said that over the longer run India needed to achieve at least a five per cent annual growth rate "to improve the living standards of a

population that is still rising by more than two per cent a year, provide productive employment for the growing labour force, and reduce poverty."

Venkatarman said India's main aim was to reduce poverty. The number of poor living below the poverty line had been brought down from 48 per cent, or 273 million, a decade ago and is expected to fall to about 26 per cent, or 211 million, by next year.

Debt
He put India's external debt at about \$30 billion.

"But if we borrow less we will therefore need more concessional aid," he said.

The World Bank statement said that while prospects for India looked encouraging, donors were concerned by a slowdown of agricultural growth and "the unfinished agenda of deregulation and liberalisation in the manufacturing sector."

US stock prices weaken in slowest session

NEW YORK, June 21 (UPI): Stock prices weakened yesterday in one of the slowest sessions of the year as worries over higher interest rates and inflation triggered an opening-bell selloff from which the market never managed to recover.

The Dow Jones industrial average, which rose 2.31 last week, fell 20.09 to close at 2083.93.

The index fell about 20 points in the first half hour of the session. It cut the deficit to about 12 points at midday before resuming its slide.

Topped
Declines topped advances 867-585 among the 1,944 issues crossing the New York Stock Exchange tape. Volume slowed to 116,750,000 shares, compared with the 343,920,000 shares traded on Friday, the busiest session so far this year.

"We came in expecting to give

up some points early after the late rally Friday afternoon," said Sid Dorr, vice president of block trading at Robinson-Humphrey Co. in Atlanta, adding that the market's ability to establish a new post-collapse closing high last week "was a significant accomplishment."

"Now it appears that we are going to have to move lower to find a new support area," Dorr said. "We hope it will remain above 2000."

Dorr said a number of factors contributed to the market's weakness including the possible fallout from a hike in a key short-term interest rate by West Germany, a "sloppy" bond market and commodity-related inflation worries.

"All of these things said it was not a day to come in and buy," Dorr said.

Broad-market indices also retreated. The NYSE composite

index fell 0.88 to 151.96. Standard & Poor's 500-stock index dropped 1.74 to 268.94. The price of an average share lost 18 cents.

"This market moved a little too far, a little too fast," said Gene Seagle, director of technical research at Gruntal & Co.

"When it broke through 2110 it temporarily exhausted itself and fell in line for some profit taking."

Last Tuesday the Dow jumped 25.07 to close at 2124.47, surpassing the previous post-collapse high of 2110.03, set on April 12. It added another 6.93 on Wednesday, extending its best level since Oct 19 to 2131.40.

After posting the new highs, Seagle said things became "aggravated" by various worries, "including the drought in the Midwest and the possibility it could fuel inflation and lead to weakness in the bond market."

Sino-US meeting criticises trade practices

BEIJING, June 21. (UPI): Government and business leaders from the United States and China, opening their biggest-ever economic relations conference criticised each other's trade practices today and warned nagging disputes could stall nearly a decade of progress.

The warnings came amid general praise for Sino-American economic ties at the US-China joint session on industry, trade and economic development. The four-day gathering is assessing past and future practice and policy.

Smoothly
"Generally, our trade is going smoothly," Li Lanqing, Chinese vice-minister of foreign trade, told hundreds of participants in Beijing's Great Hall of the People, but added "there is still a big gap between what has been achieved, and what could be achieved."

"The US-China trade relationship has run out of road

map," said Roger Sullivan, chairman of the US-China Business Council. "Neither China nor the United States can afford not to look at changing international realities."

The more than 1,500 American and Chinese participants represent the largest number at such a conference since Beijing and Washington normalised relations in 1979 and China embarked on its "open-door" and market-oriented economic reform programmes.

Warned
Since then, trade had grown to \$7.8 billion last year, making the United States China's third largest trading partner behind Hong Kong and Japan. The United States leads foreign direct investment in China at \$3 billion, including automotive and airplane manufacturing.

But the government and business leaders criticised each other for practices they said threaten a plateau in economic relations.

US speakers warned China remains without adequate laws to protect copyrights, patents and investment, that is still relies too heavily on cheap labour and not enough on market forces. They complained of financing difficulties, procedural snarls, lengthy delays and increasing problems in contracts.

In its trade policies, warned former US Chamber of Commerce President Edwin Dodd, "China must also play by the same rules as those of other nations."

Chinese officials criticised holdover US trade laws they claim have hindered exports, noting Washington has not given China special trade-preference status accorded to developing nations. Li cited US import quotas and other "protectionist" policies, failures in economic talks and the slow pace of a US liberalisation of high-technology transfer to China under a policy partially exempting Beijing from Com-

munist-nation restrictions. "No country in the world can monopolise certain technologies," Li said.

Unheeded
During the conference, the participants will meet in small-group sessions whose topics range from contract negotiations and business laws to the status of China's economic reforms, which have unshackled business from rigid state control.

Chinese officials will also hold sessions for American participants on individual industry opportunities, offer visits to existing joint-ventures and Chinese factories and sponsor meetings with senior officials from 'open' provinces and regions.

The hundreds of American corporations represented range from multinationals like General Motors Corp. and Phillips Petroleum to such smaller players as Bagel Works, Inc. and Southwest Reinforced Plastics of Dallas.

WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, June 21. (Reuters): Solid profit-taking wiped out most of yesterday's gains in the Australian share market and resources were hardest hit. One broker said: "The market's running out of steam." The All Ordinaries index fell 16.2 points to 1,602.0.

TOKYO: Shares prices closed lower in moderate trade for the second straight day as brokers expressed fears of inflation and rising interest rates. The Nikkei index fell 213.46 points, or 0.76 per cent to 27,925.57.

HONG KONG: Share prices closed lower as investors showed caution on likely firmer world-wide interest rates. The Hang Seng index closed 35.41 points, 1.3 per cent, down at 2,683.65.

SINGAPORE: Prices closed lower over a broad front on profit-taking in a sharp reaction to a 213-point plunge on the Tokyo Stock Market. The Straits Times industrial index fell 1.32

per cent or 14 points to 1,058.07.

BOMBAY: Share prices fell on a broad front on heavy selling triggered by rumours of a cabinet shake-up.

FRANKFURT: Prices rose by around one per cent in moderate trading, shrugging off news the Bundesbank was raising its key securities repurchase rate to 3.50 per cent from 3.25 per cent and overnight declines on Wall Street and in Tokyo.

The Commerzbank 60-share index rose 15.7 points or 1.1 per cent to 1,438.

ZURICH: The stock market improved from opening leaves and closed little changed to slightly higher as registered shares showed small gains. The All-Share Swiss index was up 2.33 points to 863.81.

PARIS: French share prices ended easier, but off their lows, with trading interest dampened by the end of the account period and the prospect of another strike by bourse employees. The 50-share Bourse Indicator closed 0.48 per cent lower.

LONDON: Revived speculative demand combined with a higher Wall Street opening to push equities to the day's highs.

By Kathy Cuddihy

MY son, spying a new spray can of mousse in the bathroom he shares with his sister, decided to chance giving the unfamiliar brand a trial run without bothering to consult anyone... or to read the label properly. After working a generous dollop through his punk hairdo, he stood back to admire himself in the mirror.

Funny. His hair wasn't as stiff as usual. Even more curious, it began to move around on his head, as though it were retreating in protest. He became truly alarmed when fumes which smelled like burning manure suddenly rose from his scalp. Quickly grabbing the tin to recheck the label a little more carefully, his horrified eyes noticed that the French caption which had confused him initially, also had an English translation.

Just at that moment, my daughter decided to invade the bathroom to see what her brother might be getting up to. The rest of the household heard a loud "You WHAT?" and then the forceful splash of water as the poor boy frantically rinsed Fast Acting Hair Removal Mousse from his fast depleting shock of hair. If nothing else, the child has learned a valuable lesson about the importance of reading labels.

Although my son's antics are perhaps on the dramatic side, he is by no means alone in his oversight. The problem can be particularly irritating when our stomachs are involved. Like not preheating the oven, or not realizing that the "fast food" dish has to cook for 45 minutes instead of half that time. Or unwittingly adding the wrong ingredients. One of our most memorable meals inadvertently had dog food as its main ingredient. Our dog was delighted with the

User beware



gourmet preparation but the rest of us weren't quite so enthusiastic.

Some of the worst offenders of label reading are servants. Because many of them lack sufficient familiarity with English, they tend to rely on the shapes of bottles, boxes, jars and tins to guide them in the correct usage. This can have some rather sensational results when containers look similar but have very different applications.

Have you ever stopped to consider what would happen, for example, if clothes detergent got used in the dishwasher and dishwashing detergent went into the washing machine? The latter situation probably isn't too harmful. In fact, there might even be a few benefits. Think how well food stains would be removed. Dishwashers, however, cannot cope with high sudsing cleansers.

Something in their mechanical metabolisms makes them multiply suds at an alarming rate until the spillover results in a kitchen full of ankle-deep bubbles.

Some label readers attempt only the first couple of words and assume that there's not a lot more to be said on the subject. I recently caught my houseboy using a cream cleanser in the toilets. He had read "ideal for porcelain" and figured that one porcelain was just like any other.

"But, Lintu," I explained patiently, "this sort of porcelain is usually submerged in water. Cleansers like this aren't made to be squirted into water and sit. Why not try this blue bottle? This liquid is specifically for disinfecting toilet bowls. I think you'll find it much more effective and easier to use."

"Madam, how can that

be? I use this bottle to whiten your laundry. How can something that cleans clothes also be used to clean toilets?" Good question.

Some labels incorporate descriptive drawings to help illustrate the product's uses. Nevertheless, many readers of labels tend to make the "good for one, good for all" assumption, as in the case of servants who use Pledge to clean refrigerators, windows and mirrors.

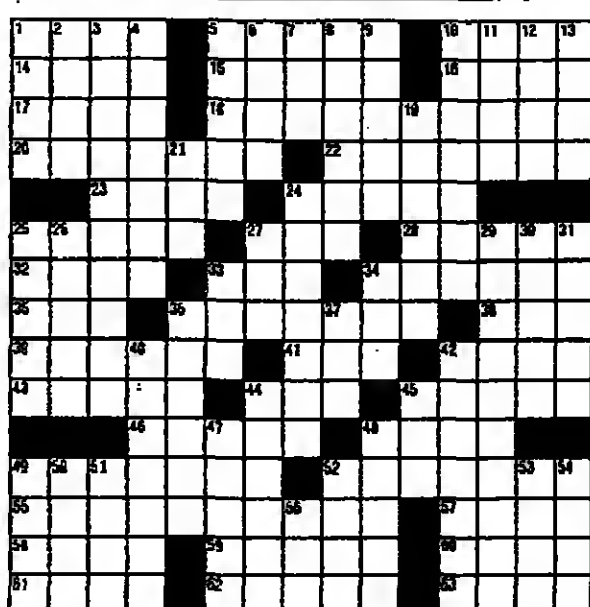
Few people fully appreciate what a really useful function labels serve. In a very limited amount of space they contain concise information on how to correctly use the contents. When necessary, they also caution on how not to use the contents.

Unfortunately, relatively few people read directions and even fewer read the cautionary notes. I remember a phase of stuck fingers when Superglue first came on the market and no one expected it to be quite so effective.

Admittedly, label reading can be carried a bit far. I sometimes drive my husband quietly crazy with my time-consuming label reading in supermarkets, as I carefully compare ingredients and directions.

Being such a dedicated advocate of the system, you may wonder why I haven't been harsher in my criticism of label illiterates. Suffice it to say that I suffered a rude awakening this morning when I drowsily sprayed on my deodorant and was astonished to discover a mass of shaving foam fighting for space in my armpit. No I hadn't bothered to read the label but, after all, the tin is exactly the same size and shape as my deodorant tin... and it was sitting in the space usually occupied by my deodorant... and, yes, if nothing else, I've learned a valuable lesson about the importance of reading labels....

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- 1 Repeat
 - 5 Stage parts
 - 10 Adages
 - 14 Peel of thunder
 - 15 007, for one
 - 16 Columbus' destination
 - 17 Throw off
 - 18 Does stationer have goods to be an astronaut?
 - 20 Give power to
 - 22 Pensioner
 - 23 — de combat
 - 24 Type of astronomy
 - 25 Very small
 - 27 Twilled fabric
 - 28 Allude to
 - 32 — du Vant
 - 33 London's Old
 - 34 Used car deal
 - 35 Ancient times
 - 36 Cancelled
 - 38 Comp. or Eng. —
 - 39 Rue
 - 41 Get-up-and-go
 - 42 Wild plum
 - 43 Show contempt
 - 44 Ready
 - 45 Takes it easy
 - 46 Spear-carrier at the opera
 - 48 Apricot features
 - 49 Places pilgrims
- DOWN**
- 26 Terry, the actress
 - 27 Waterway: Abbr.
 - 29 Doesn't quite reach Niagara?
 - 30 "Ash Wednesday" author
 - 31 Nerve networks
 - 33 Ex-GI
 - 34 Sleep stage
 - 36 Summer TV shows
 - 37 Set of tools
 - 40 Hung one's hat at
 - 42 Pays in full
 - 44 Street or seed
 - 45 "Flying down to —"
 - 47 Small Chinese dogs, for short
 - 48 Assumed attitudes
 - 49 NCO's
 - 50 Score in basketball
 - 51 The Eternal City
 - 52 Have an effect on
 - 53 Post Millay
 - 54 "The — Hunter": 1978 film
 - 56 Spanish aunt

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠7 ♠AQ6 ♠AQJ983 ♣AQ7
Your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with three spades. What action do you take?

A.—An awkward hand. You are too strong for four diamonds; five diamonds might not be the right contract; and you have a heart too few for a takeout double. However, we would opt for the latter action despite that flaw. If partner does bid four hearts, at least your side will be taking spade ruffs in the short trump band; and he could easily have a five-card or longer suit.

Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠AQ ♠J762 ♠AK83 ♣K95

The bidding has proceeded:
West North East South
3 ♣ Pass Pass ?

What action do you take?
A.—While you have the strength and shape for a takeout double, the last thing you want is an opening lead through your ace-queen of spades. With your balanced shape and spade stoppers, we would prefer a stab at three no trump—with due apologies to partner if that results in a disaster.

Q.3—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠7 ♠Q953 ♠AJ72 ♣KJ63

Your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with three spades. What action do you take?

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:
SPICA PALL ALEICS
TOLL AGAR PILOT
ALAE NANA PLEAS
ROMEDANOJULIET
PITA ARA
PARSEE NURSED
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ANILE ALSO ALIE
STELLA LENDER
AIM FOR
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ELSIE ERMA CAST
MEETS TAM ETAS

A.—You have the perfect shape for a takeout double, but not the strength—especially at this vulnerability. Your left-hand opponent could have a very good hand, and if you act you might be stepping into a buzz-saw. Pass.

Q.4—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠7 ♠Q953 ♠AJ72 ♣KJ63

The bidding has proceeded:
West North East South
3 ♣ Pass Pass ?

What action do you take?
A.—The same hand, and almost the same situation. This time, however, you are afforded a certain amount of reassurance by the fact that East did not have enough to raise to game. Double. It is unlikely to prove expensive, and your side could have game. The potential rewards are far greater than the risks.

Q.5—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠KQ7 ♠K3 ♠KQ93 ♣AQJ6

The bidding has proceeded:
East South West North
1 ♣ Dbl Pass 1 ♣

What do you bid now?
A.—An immediate overcall of one no trump shows a hand of 16-19 points. Since your hand is slightly better than that, you need a bid to show your extra values. That's easy! All you have to do is bid one no trump now. After a takeout double, that promises 19 plus to 21 points.

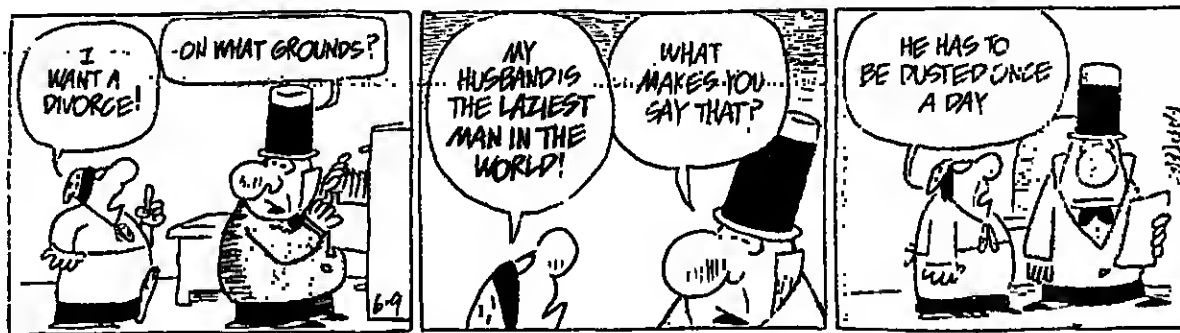
Q.6—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠KQ72 ♠A763 ♠5 ♣Q1062

The bidding has proceeded:
East South West North
1 ♣ Dbl Pass 1 ♣

What action do you take?
A.—Despite your excellent trump support, you have a minimum take-out double. Partner's simple response limits his hand to a maximum of 9 points. Since you have already shown what you have, you must pass.

THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



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By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS

<p>Aries (March 20 - April 18)</p> <p>You will be able to clear up a doubt, but you should not be too categorical. You should be on the lookout for mistakes. Do all you can to maintain harmony with your partner. Be resilient.</p>	<p>Cancer (June 21 - July 21)</p> <p>You should make sure that others understand what you mean. Do not think that you are too old to learn, you are so only if you think you are. Avoid placing too much reliance on luck. Be prompt.</p>	<p>Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)</p> <p>You have no time to lose if you want to make good use of an opportunity. You should not say something which you have no intention of carrying out. Try not to come into conflict with someone in authority. Be more frugal.</p>	<p>Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)</p> <p>You should not allow yourself to be intimidated by the thought of the obstacles ahead of you. An offer or proposal is not all it seems so should be examined most carefully. Avoid eating too much particularly if you are putting on weight. Be perspicacious.</p>
<p>Taurus (April 19 - May 19)</p> <p>Do remember that sex is not everything. You should try to have a little more patience. You should not place too much reliance on something that was said in the heat of the moment. Be less lethargic.</p>	<p>Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)</p> <p>You should not give up hope too soon. There is nothing to be gained by being too insistent. You should not seek to resist change at all costs. Be punctual.</p>	<p>Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)</p> <p>You are rather liable to exaggerate and should restrain yourself. You will be better able to deal with a financial problem. A good idea will come to you in a flash of inspiration. Be more tolerant.</p>	<p>Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)</p> <p>Do not allow yourself to be dissuaded from something you know is right. Avoid placing too much reliance on what intuition 'tells' you to do. Do all you can to stay on good terms with your friends and colleagues. Be resolute.</p>
<p>Gemini (May 20 - June 20)</p> <p>You should try to be a little more patient. You should pay more attention to what is going on around you. Avoid being supercilious. Be methodical.</p>	<p>Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)</p> <p>Today there will be some confusion but that will quickly resolve itself. There is no time to lose. You should beware of straining yourself. Be reliable.</p>	<p>Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)</p> <p>You will tend to be rather hesitant but in the long run that may be a good thing. If you keep calm you will be better able to cope with the situation. Try to be quick without rushing things and missing details. Be amenable.</p>	<p>Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)</p> <p>You should take more positive steps to maintain your health. Make sure you get regular but none too energetic exercise. Leave yourself with enough time for your personal pursuits. Be reasonable.</p>



An excavated burial mound from 2500 BC to 2200 BC indicates that Bahrainis lived longer than contemporaries elsewhere in the Middle East.

Discovery of sophisticated tombs points to existence of superior civilisation

Skeletons throw new light on Bahrain's past

By Patrick Werr

BAHRAIN. (Reuters): Archaeologists in Bahrain have been racing against time to examine thousands of ancient burial mounds before bulldozers destroy them for ever. Modern progress has wiped out more than a third of the 80,000 graves — some up to 4,500 years old — in the largest cemetery of its kind in the world.

But part of what the archaeologists have saved will be preserved in a hall of graves at Bahrain's new national museum, due to open in December.

Some graves were in the path of a billion-dollar causeway which now links the Gulf island state to Saudi Arabia. Others were buried under a modern housing scheme. Two mounds, one in the oldest style and one later, will be brought intact from the desert to the hall of graves. A preserved dakh - a big desert lizard - will guard the tombs. Bahrain, a palm-covered island named green by fresh water springs, was the base of the ancient Dilmun empire

whose trade stretched from the Indus valley in Pakistan to Mesopotamia in present-day Iraq.

Archaeologist Bruno Frohlich, of the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, said 10 years of research had revealed a well-organised Bahraini culture that had grown very wealthy.

Studies on thousands of skeletons revealed that Bahrainis 4,000 years old lived longer than contemporaries in other parts of the Middle East, said Frohlich, a biologist by training.

Some skeletons bore signs of diseases of old age like arthritis and fluorosis, an ailment caused by excess flouride.

Few broken bones indicated little warfare and there were indications of a people cared for and supported by other members of the society, Frohlich said. The resources allotted to grave-building indicated a wealthy society.

Solid bedrock made it difficult to bury the dead underground. Mounds were built in two styles. Crude 4,500-year-old burial chambers of uncut stone are found scattered in wadis (dry river beds) on high

ground. Some 17,000 such mounds were built over a 300-year period. Bronze objects, seals and pottery were placed inside.

The pottery, of designs common in other parts of the Gulf, indicated active regional trade 4,000 years ago.

Mound styles changed around 2,200 BC and over the next 500 years 67,000 increasingly sophisticated tombs were built closer to fresh water and settlements.

Change Frohlich said the change marked a shift in society itself which had become more dependent on land cultivation and trade.

The ancient settlements have not been found, probably because modern villages stand on the same sites. Professional builders prepared the burial mounds, the size depending on the wealth of the client.

A stone chamber, aligned on the rising sun, was surrounded by a wall and the area between the two was filled with sand.

The body was laid in a flexed position with knees drawn under the chin. Objects set alongside it included bronze-

ware, carved steatite, baskets of palm leaf and bitumen, sacrificial goats and sheep.

Men's and women's graves differed little and children were buried in small chambers along the mound's periphery.

Frohlich said research had thrown cold water on a widespread belief that Mesopotamians used Bahrain for burials.

The theory held that a small native population in Bahrain would not have needed so many graves.

Mesopotamians considered Bahrain a sacred land, and some experts believed they could have sent their dead to the island for burial. "I have been fighting that theory for years," said Frohlich, who contends that, on the contrary, not enough graves have been found for the number of people Bahrain could have supported over 800 years.

Because the graves were so visible, he said, they appeared more numerous than in other countries where the dead were buried below ground.

"The question is what happened to the rest of the people? Where were they buried?" said Frohlich.

Anger may prove to be Tyson's undoing

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. June 21. (Reuters): Anger is one of the last emotions Eddie Futch believes a boxer needs and there is little doubt that Mike Tyson is an angry man as he trains for his battle next week against Michael Spinks.

Although Futch yesterday would not admit it, Tyson's recent spate of personal problems just may make Futch's job of training Spinks for the mega-dollar fight for the undisputed heavyweight title, a little easier.

Tyson has been battered by reports that he is a wife beater, that his mother-in-law and his wife are getting set to loot his bank account and that his manager is greedy and trying to destroy his marriage.

The 21-year-old undisputed champion of the world, who will earn at least \$20 million for his night's work, has denied that he has hit his wife — as his sister has claimed — and has lashed out angrily at reporters and his manager as the stories persist in the run-up to the June 27 bout.

At a news conference following Spinks' workout, Futch said he thought Tyson would not be affected by the controversy, that "he can divorce himself from all of that."

But later Futch told Reuters that, "I hate to have a fighter go in angry, I wish he was calm."

"I monitor the situation. I want his complete attention, and if he's angry he can't give it to me," he said.

Futch said that Spinks, 31, is in excellent shape and that they are just "counting down now" after 170 rounds of sparring, since Spinks, who will earn about \$13.5 million, opened training camp nine weeks ago.

Tyson sparred six rounds yesterday, but promoter Don King was the real brawler last night, unleashing a brutal verbal attack on Tyson's manager, whom he called "satan in disguise."

King's onslaught against Bill Cayton added more fuel to the often ugly rumours and allegations swirling around Tyson.

King said that a few weeks ago he and Cayton had declared a moratorium on their sparring in recent months, but that Cayton broke the deal by continuing to attack King.

"Bill Cayton has called me a thief and said I was moving in on his fight," King said. "I'm taking off the kid gloves."

King also said Cayton was behind recent front-page stories that Tyson beat former champion Robin Givens, his wife of four months, and that her mother was trying to gain control of the champion's money.

Meanwhile, the state athletic commissioner set the June 27 heavyweight fight at 12 rounds and criticised the sport's three sanctioning bodies for failing to settle the issue.

But the International Boxing Federation, which demanded the fight be scheduled for 15 rounds, said Tyson would lose the IBF heavyweight crown once he stepped into the ring in Atlantic City.

"It doesn't look like it'll change before then, but funny things can happen," IBF spokesman Sy Roseman said.

LAMB COMPLETES EIGHTH TEST CENTURY

England make W. Indies battle for win

LONDON, June 21. (Reuters): West Indies made surprisingly hard work of taking England's last three wickets before finally winning the second Test by 134 runs on the fifth and final day at Lord's today to go 1-0 up in the five-match series.

But it took them until 20 minutes after lunch and saw their vaunted pace attack hammered around the ground by last wicket pair Paul Jarvis and Graham Dilley as England scored 307 in their second innings.

Facing the near impossible task of still requiring a further 228 runs for victory when they began at their overnight 214 for seven, England's batsmen proved surprisingly stubborn.

Anxious

The main interest lay in whether Allan Lamb, resuming on 99 not out, could complete a well-deserved century. And for 25 increasingly anxious minutes, the West Indies bowlers made him wait until finally he pushed a ball from Patrick Patterson away from the required single.

Lamb went on to reach a courageous 113 in a stay of 336 minutes before a momentary lapse of concentration saw him run out.

His century never looked likely to save England from defeat but it could well have saved his Test place after a run of mediocre performances.



Lamb: well-deserved century

Lamb's confidently struck 15 boundaries were reminiscent of the manner of his lone defiance against West Indies four years ago when he made three centuries as England were beaten in all five Tests.

He also made a Test century

against Sri Lanka that season — his last until Lord's today, which stifled calls for his replacement.

West Indies' pace attack lacked the venom of the previous day when England's top order were torn apart and Gladstone Small stayed long enough to see

Lamb past his 8th Test century before being caught in the slips for seven.

That brought Jarvis to the crease for a ninth wicket partnership of 22 before Lamb's unnecessary dismissal signalled the end for England.

Jarvis and Dilley survived with some style, hitting well-struck boundaries back past the exasperated bowlers.

One contemptuous stroke by Jarvis scorched to the long-on boundary and was more reminiscent of something that could be expected from the genius of opposing captain Viv Richards.

The pair added a splendid 53 at a run-a-minute before Patterson finally found the edge of Dilley's bat to give Richie Richardson a catch in the slips.

Dilley made 28 and Jarvis was unbeaten on 29, his longest Test score.

Malcolm Marshall, who captured the wicket of Small, finished with four for 60 and match figures of 10 for 92, but it was the batting of West Indies' Gus Logie with innings of 81 and 95 not out that earned him the Man of the Match award.

However, England's final joyous fling with the bat will hardly have dimmed the comprehensiveness of their defeat in the eyes of the selectors and changes can be expected in the team to be announced on Sunday for the

third Test beginning at Old Trafford on June 30.

Scoreboard

WEST INDIES first innings 209 (G. Logie 81, J. Dejoon 53, G. Dilley five for 55, G. Small four for 64)

ENGLAND first innings 165 (D. Gower 46, G. Gooch 44, M. Marshall six for 32)

WEST INDIES second innings 397 (G. Greenidge 103, G. Logie 95 not out, V. Richards 72, J. Dejoon 52, G. Dilley four for 73, P. Jarvis four for 107)

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Mendis in Sri Lankan squad for England

COLOMBO, June 21. (Reuters): Sri Lanka have named former captain Duleep Mendis to a 16-member squad for their England tour starting next month, a cricket board official said today.

Mendis, who has represented Sri Lanka for the past 15 years, resigned the captaincy after last year's World Cup in which Sri Lanka lost all their matches.

His successor, Ranjan Madugalle, will continue to lead the team with Arjuna Ranatunga as his deputy.

Since Mendis' resignation, Sri Lanka have played only one Test, losing by an innings to Australia last February.

The presence of Mendis, Sri Lanka's most experienced cricketer, is expected to add stability to the batting and give confidence to the team.

Forced

Two other players returning to the side are pace bowler Saliya Ahamanga and wicketkeeper-opener Amal Silva.

Ahamanga took 18 wickets in only three Tests before ill health forced him out of the team. Silva has two centuries to his credit and also a wicketkeeping feat of six victims in one innings.

Two uncapped players, leg-spinner Brian Rajadurai and off-spinner Ranjith Madurasinghe, join left-arm spinner Don Anurasinghe as the three spinners in the side.

The other two uncapped players are all-rounder Athula Samarasekera and batsman Hashan Tillekeratne. Both have represented Sri Lanka in one-day matches and were easily the two most outstanding members of the Sri Lanka B side which recently toured Zimbabwe.

The squad: Ranjan Madugalle (captain), Arjuna Ranatunga, (vice-captain), Duleep Mendis, Roshan Mahanama, Amal Silva, Brendon Kuruppu, Aravinda de Silva, Athula Samarasekera, Hashan Tillekeratne, Ravi Ranayake, Graeme Labrooy, Saliya Ahamanga, Don Anurasinghe, Chanka Ramanayake, Brian Rajadurai and Ranjith Madurasinghe.

America's Cup foes set for battle in Sweden

LULEA, Sweden, June 21. (Reuters): US helmsman Dennis Conner, skipping an Australian yacht, takes on his former America's Cup rival when the 12-metre World Championship starts on Thursday under the ever-light skies of this northern town.

Conner's San Diego Yacht Club has leased Kookaburra III, whose sister ship Kookaburra II was defeated by the American skipper who he retained the America's Cup from Australia in Fremantle last year.

Prevail

Kookaburra II, renamed Nordstjernan (North Star) under a deal with the Swedish organisers, is expected to perform well in the light winds which usually prevail off Lulea in the Gulf of Bothnia, the northernmost reaches of the Baltic Sea.

Conner's heavy wind yacht Stars and Stripes was ideally suited for the boisterous Indian Ocean off Fremantle, but took



Duleep Mendis

The rest of the squad fears a familiar look. Openers Roshan Mahanama and Aravinda de Silva join all-rounder Ravi Ranayake to bolster the batting together with Ranatunga, Madugalle and Mendis.

Graeme Labrooy and Ahamanga are likely to handle the ball, with support coming from third pace-bowler Champaka Ramanayake and all-rounder Samarasekera and Ranayake.

Another wicketkeeper-opener, Brendon Kuruppu who hit a double century on his debut against New Zealand, makes up the 16-member squad.

Sri Lanka will play eight three-day games against counties, one one-day international and one Test on their eighth week tour, the official said.

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Kent brush aside Warwickshire

LONDON, June 21. (Reuters): Kent swept to the top of the county championship table by crushing injury-hit Warwickshire by an innings and 46 runs on the second day of their three-day match at Edgbaston yesterday.

Warwickshire were dismissed twice during the day, for 107 in their first innings and 174 in their second after being asked to follow on in reply to Kent's first innings 327.

Trouble

Handicapped by the loss of two key players, Alvin Kallikar with a broken finger and Dermot Reeve with a broken thumb, Warwickshire were always in trouble against the Kent seamers.

Opening batsman Andy Mole, tried his best for an unbeaten 67 in the first innings and Asif Din hit a

belligerent 52 in the second, but pacemen Richard Ellison, Chris Penn and Chris Cowdrey each totalled five wickets in the two innings to bundle them out.

The win took Kent at least temporarily ahead of Worcestershire, who were facing much more resolute opposition against Derbyshire at Derby.

Replying to Worcester's first innings 367, Derbyshire looked in trouble at 194 for six, but wicketkeeper Bernie Maher led a fine recovery and was undefeated on 76 at the close when the score had recovered to 322 for nine.

Bottom-placed Yorkshire also slumped to a two-day defeat at the hands of Essex as paceman Neil Foster again showed the England selectors he is ready to

return after injury with 3 match figures of 10 for 86.

After being dismissed for 133 in their first innings, Yorkshire

fared even worse in their second with their season's lowest of 113. That left Essex needing 89 for victory which they managed for the loss of only one wicket.

Results

At Edgbaston: Kent beat Warwickshire by an innings and 46 runs. Kent 327 in 109.5 overs. Warwickshire 107 in 37.5 overs (A. Mole 67 not out) and 174 (Asif Din 52, T. Lloyd 40). Kent 23 points Yorkshire 2.

At Sheffield: Essex beat Yorkshire by nine wickets. Yorkshire 133 in 40.1 overs and 113 (N. Foster four for 33). Essex 158 in 63.5 overs (S. Fletcher eight for 58) and 89 for one. Essex 21 points Yorkshire 4.

At Southampton: Nottinghamshire 197 in 72.1 overs and 70 for two. Hampshire 389 in 125.3 overs (C. Smith 117, D. Turner 75, N. Cowley 55, E. Hemmings

four for 96).

At Luton: Northamptonshire 338 in 104.5 overs and 122 for one (G. Cook 54 not out, B. Bailey 40 not out). Middlesex 277 in 92.1 overs (R. Butcher 61, W. Slack 44, W. Davis five for 54, N. Cook four for 61).

At Leicester: Sussex 159 in 54.3 overs and 101 for three. Leicestershire 309 in 113.4 overs (P. Willey 130, P. Hepworth 51, A. Pigott six for 100).

At Derby: Worcestershire 367 in 135.3 overs (S. Rhodes 108, P. Newman four for 108). Derbyshire 322 for nine in 98 overs (B. Maher 76 not out, B. Roberts 65, J. Morris 46).

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Quaid-e-Millat face invitation XI

QUAID-E-MILLAT XI meet Invitation XI in a festival cricket match on Friday at the Millat-Airport ground.

The match is being organised by Naem Shah and Riaz Chaudhry in honour of Mohammed Munir, skipper of the Quaid-e

SPORTS

Lakers eye special place in history

INGLEWOOD, California, June 21. (AP) The NBA's team of the '80s is playing for more than just a title. The Los Angeles Lakers are seeking a special place in history and the right to be called "great."

They say they will have neither if they lose the decisive seventh game of the National Basketball Association finals this evening against the Detroit Pistons — whose star player, Isiah Thomas, probably will miss the game with a sprained ankle.

The Lakers can enhance their decade of dominance and fulfill their coach's guarantee of consecutive championships by denying Detroit its first crown.

"If we win it, we will have earned our spot in the recent history of basketball," Los Angeles center Kareem Abdul-Jabbar said yesterday. "We have been the dominant team of the '80s and if we win, we will have earned that appreciation."

The Lakers won three of the first seven titles this decade. But no team has repeated as champions since the 1969 Boston Celtics.

Yesterday, with his players perhaps one day from accomplishing that, Lakers coach Pat Riley said his team's goal is to win a World Championship and its mission is intangible.

"What that is," he said, "is what we're playing for. Greatness."

The Lakers have won 10 titles, five of them since moving from Minneapolis in 1960.

The Pistons would be happy with one.

Moved

They are in their first final since they moved to Detroit in 1957 and haven't won a championship since they joined the NBA as the Ft. Wayne Pistons in 1948.

"I don't care about our fifth or sixth (title). All I want to win is one," Detroit center Bill Laimbeer said.

While the Lakers seek greater glory, the Pistons feel they finally are getting the recognition they deserve for a season in which they became surprise finalists by knocking off the Celtics in the Eastern Conference finals.

"I don't think anybody's saying we're a fluke now," Pistons forward Adrian Dantley said.

Not after they took a 3-2 lead in the series and not even after the Lakers struggled to tie it with a 103-102 victory on Sunday at the Forum. The Pistons "thought we had it" after they took a 102-99 lead with one minute left, Dantley said.

But they let it slip away, a lapse that gained momentum yesterday when Thomas, their star guard, said he was hoping for a miracle so he could play this evening.

He severely sprained his right ankle with 4:35 left in the third quarter Sunday and was on crutches yesterday. Trainer Mike Abdousser said "his chances of playing are one in 99."

Thomas carried the Pistons on Sunday with 43 points, including 17 after he was hurt, but said yesterday that "I have a lot of faith in my teammates."

Vinnie Johnson was expected to start in his place alongside Joe Dumars. Forward Dennis Rodman probably would see increased time in the backcourt.

GRAF BLANKS HU NA IN FIRST ROUND

Navratilova breaks Borg's post-war record

LONDON, June 21. (Reuters) Defending champion Martina Navratilova achieved a Wimbledon record today with her 42nd successive singles win but, in terms of destruction, was still upstaged by Steffi Graf, the world number one and top seed.

While Navratilova marked ladies' day with a 6-1 6-2 first-round victory over Yugoslav Sabrina Goleš on a sunlit centre court, Graf demolished Chinese-American Hu Na 6-0 6-0.

It was Graf's second successive win without dropping a game following her victory over Russian Natalia Zvereva by a similar margin in the French Open final earlier this month.

Hu was marginally more successful than Zvereva, winning 22 points while the Russian gleaned just 13 in Paris. But whatever the comparative statistics, Hu took a terrible drubbing.

Navratilova's sequence of wins is now one better than Bjorn Borg's run of 41 victories between 1976 and 1981, which was the longest winning streak at Wimbledon since World War Two.

The best run of all time at Wimbledon remains American Helen Wills Moody's 50 matches without being beaten when she won the title eight times every year she competed between 1927 and 1938.

Navratilova has also won eight women's titles and will become the most successful singles player in Wimbledon history if she wins again this time.

Nothing she did in demolishing Goleš in 49 minutes indicated she would not achieve her target. She remains the most complete



Becker leaps in to return the ball in his match against Frawley on Monday. (Reuters wirephoto)

serve-and-volley player in the women's game and after losing the first two points to Goleš, she was never headed.

But if Navratilova did nothing to suggest she would not win a ninth singles title this year, Graf certainly raised the prospect that the Americans' winning sequence which started in 1982 will come to an end.

Navratilova may be a better serve-and-volley player than Graf but the West German is a ruthless competitor whose power from the back of the court

is slowly being augmented by a more certain touch to the forecourt. She gave Hu just 46 minutes of her time.

The case of the top two seeds' victories contrasted with Pam Shriver's struggle for survival out on number 13 court where the third seed eventually beat South African Dinky van Rensburg after trailing 4-1 in the deciding set.

The American, recovering from a groin strain which forced her to withdraw from the Eastbourne grasscourt tournament

last week, struggled to finish off the 20-year-old Van Rensburg 6-2 4-6 8-6.

Shriver, beaten in the Edgbaston final two weeks ago by West German Claudia Kohde-Kilsch, shrieked and grimaced in frustration as she repeatedly sent her first serves into the net, hit the ball too long and struggled to return Van Rensburg's powerful services.

In the men's singles, Jonas Svensson of Sweden, the 12th seed who ended Ivan Lendl's French Open reign by beating the

Czechoslovak in the quarterfinals in Paris, made a flying start against American Tim Wilkison, taking the first set 6-1 after winning the opening five games and going 5-1 up in the second.

But the left-handed Wilkison rallied to force a second-set tiebreak before Svensson, whose participation in the tournament was in some doubt because of a glandular disorder, wrapped up the match 6-1 7-6 6-3.

In contrast to the thud and blunder of some other matches in the near vicinity, world number seven Miloslav Mecir of Czechoslovakia employed his unique brand of cunning to bemuse dogged Mexican opponent Agustín Moreno on number two court.

But hampered by a chronic back complaint, Mecir's first serve lacked its customary penetration and he needed tiebreaks in the first two sets as Moreno, ranked 133rd in the world, chased down most things which came his way before going down 7-6 7-6 6-2.

Yesterday former champion Boris Becker relieved the pain of his second-round defeat by Peter Doolan last year by crushing another lesser-known Australian, John Frawley, in his opening match.

Sixth seed Becker, champion here in 1985 and 1986, served up 20 aces on his way to a 6-3 6-1 6-2 first-round victory over Frawley.

Despite flagging concentration in the closing set, as the light began to fade on the centre court, the West German was happy with his return to his best-loved arena.

"To play that kind of tennis and be in your favourite place is

really a lot of fun and I enjoyed myself," he said.

Results

Louise Field (Australia) beat Eva Pfaff (West Germany) 7-5 6-3; Ely Hakami (US) beat Kathy Horvath (US) 6-4 6-4; Lori McNeil (US) beat Nicole Provis (Australia) 6-3 7-5; Catherine Tanvier (France) beat Pat Medrado (Brazil) 6-3 6-1; Karine Querrec (France) beat Julie Halard (France) 7-6 (7-5) 6-1; Malissa Gurney (US) beat Amanda Grunfeld (Britain) 6-4 7-5; Kelly Evernden (New Zealand) beat Jerome Feller (France) 7-6 (7-5) 6-2; Magnus Gustafsson (Sweden) beat Tarik Benhabiles (France) 6-3 6-4 6-4; Jay Berger (US) beat Fernando Luna (Spain) 6-1 7-6 (8-6) 6-0; Eric Jelen (West Germany) beat Gilad Bloom (Israel) 6-3 3-6 6-4 6-3; Swedha Parkhomko (Soviet Union) beat Jill Heitriergott (Canada) 4-6 6-4 6-3; Pam Shriver (US) beat Dinky van Rensburg (South Africa) 6-2 4-6 8-6; Steffi Graf (West Germany) beat Hu Na (US) 6-0 6-0; Martina Navratilova (US) beat Sabrina Goleš (Yugoslavia) 6-1 6-2; Miloslav Mecir (Czechoslovakia) beat Agustín Moreno (Mexico) 7-6 (7-5) 7-6 (7-5) 6-2; Jonas Svensson (Sweden) beat Tim Wilkison (US) 6-1 7-6 (8-6) 6-3; Slobodan Zivonjivic (Yugoslavia) beat Horacio La Penna (Argentina) 6-1 7-6 (7-5) 6-4; Alexander Volkov (Soviet Union) beat Thierry Champion (France) 4-6 7-6 (7-5) 3-6 6-4 7-5; Derrick Rousset (US) beat Jaime Yanga (Peru) 6-3 7-6 (7-5) 6-2; Jonas Svensson (Sweden) beat Hub van Boeckel (Netherlands) 6-3 6-2 6-4; Susan Sloane (US) beat Teresa Catin (Britain) 6-4; John McEnroe (US) beat Horst Skoff (Austria) 6-1 7-5 6-1; Lisa O'Neill (Australia) beat Claudia Purvik (West Germany) 7-5 6-4; David Pate (US) beat Ulf Stenlund (Sweden) 6-2 6-3 6-7 (3-7) 6-2; Branislav Stanovic (Czechoslovakia) beat Todd Nelson (US) 6-1 6-2 6-3 6-4; Mats Wilander (Sweden) beat Eduardo Masso (Argentina) 6-3 6-4 7-6 (7-4); Masako Yanagi (Japan) beat Barbara Gerken (US) 6-4 6-1.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Indian batsman

LONDON, June 21. (Reuters) Indian Test batsman Mohammed Azharuddin's contract with Lancashire League club Rishton has been ended by mutual consent after only four games. Azharuddin has been sidelined by a groin injury and Rishton have been forced to use five substitute professionals in their last seven games.

TCCB meeting

LONDON, June 21. (Reuters) England's ruling cricket body, the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB), has called off Friday's special meeting to discuss West Indies' bid to ban Test players who maintain links with South Africa. TCCB spokesman Peter Lush said the decision had been taken because the International Cricket Conference (ICC) had not yet decided how to take a vote on the subject.

US Open

NEW YORK, June 21. (Reuters) Prize money for the 1988 US Open tennis championships will top the \$4 million mark as organizers announced a 10 per cent rise over last year. The increase brings the prize money package to \$4,371,500 with both the men's and women's singles champions receiving \$275,000. Last year, singles champions took away \$250,000 each.

President's Cup

SEOUL, South Korea, June 21. (AP) Iraq's Olympic soccer team beat the Argentine pro club Gimnasia 3-1 last night for its second victory with no losses. Iraq now advances to the quarterfinals of the President's Cup tournament.

Villa player

LONDON, June 21. (Reuters) Ex-England soccer international Gordon Cowans has rejoined his former club, Aston Villa, for £250,000 (\$447,000) after three years with Italian side Bari.

Cowans, 29, has signed a three-year contract with Villa, who won promotion to the First Division last season.

Cycling race

LOCARNO, Switzerland, June 21. (AP) Italy's Francesco Casarini won the first major Alpine leg of the Tour de Suisse road cycling race yesterday, while Helmut Wechselberger of Austria retained the overall lead after seven stages.

Irish Derby

DUBLIN, June 21. (Reuters) Epsom Derby winner Khabasi was installed as 5-4 favourite to complete a European classic double in Sunday's hotly contested Irish Derby at the Curragh.

Bislett Games

OSLO, Norway, June 21. (AP) Ninety-one women and 115 men racers have entered for the Bislett Games IAAF Mo bi Grand Prix track and field meet on July 2.

Referee ends up in wrong town for wrong game

STUTTGART, West Germany, June 21. (AP) Romanian soccer referee Iona arrived yesterday for the European Championships semifinals — in the wrong town for the wrong game. Iona was picked to be the referee of today's semifinal between West Germany and the Netherlands in Hamburg.

Instead, Iona arrived yesterday in Stuttgart, where the Soviet Union plays Italy tomorrow in the second semifinal.

Wanted The mistake was discovered when Iona and his two Romanian lieutenants, Stefan Dan Petrescu and Iona Crafinescu, wanted to check into "their" hotel in Stuttgart.

Tournament officials said the three were given wrong airline tickets in Frankfurt. They were quickly given new tickets and flew to Hamburg later last night. The referee for tomorrow's game in Stuttgart is Alexis Ponnet of Belgium.

Golfer refuses to be knocked out

OSWESTRY, England, June 21. (Reuters) Granville Cliffe refused to be knocked out of his monthly golf tournament at his local course yesterday — despite being rendered unconscious on the practice green.

Cliffe responded in style after being struck on the head by a stray shot as he practiced his putting. He regained consciousness, refused medical treatment, knocked back a stiff drink and headed for the first tee.

There he holed-in-one on the par three opening hole.

Mental training helps sportsmen

LONDON, June 21. (Reuters) If you feel your tennis serve is letting you down just visualise your most brilliant execution of the stroke, remember how good it felt, and replay it in your mind for five minutes every day.

After two weeks of mental rehearsal you could be serving as well as ever.

Preparation Or if impatience is your problem try humming a relaxing tune in your mind as you prepare to go into action.

These are just two of the mental exercises recommended by John Syer, a member of a growing band of sport psychologists who believe top level sportsmen not only need to get their bodies into shape but should also

rigorously train their minds.

"A definition of mental training is using your mind to improve your performance," he told Reuters in an interview.

Syer calls his role as a mental trainer and says his role is not simply to improve a sportsman's mental skills such as concentration and the ability to deal with stress, but to help develop his technical skills.

"I'm there to show that in thinking about his performance in a particular way, a player can improve his technical skills," he said.

When Syer first meets a player he asks him to list the physical, technical and mental skills used in his particular sport.

"I help him assess his perfor-

mance in each skill, he then chooses which skill to work on and I work out a programme of mental exercises for him to do at home," Syer explained.

For the player who wants to increase his patience, for example, Syer recommends various associative exercises such as regularly focusing his thoughts on another player who is particularly patient, or pinning a phrase which makes him feel patient on his bedroom wall, or simply listening to a piece of "patient" music.

Controls

One English cricketer, who complained of wanting to hit every ball for six, now controls his game by playing a Barbara Streisand song in his mind as he

prepares to bat.

For the last two years Syer has been training the minds of Britain's cycling team. Their national coaching director Jim Hendry is delighted with the results.

"A puncture before a race used to be enough to produce a bad performance, but now those practising mental exercises are able to accept the delay and maintain concentration," he said.

Hendry also feels individual and team mental training has helped his cyclists cast off an image of themselves as underdogs.

"The riders are no longer just aiming for world championship or Olympics selection and then, losing motivation," he said.

New Zealand beat Saudi Arabia

MELBOURNE, Australia, June 21. (AP) New Zealand handled the rain-affected conditions best to defeat Saudi Arabia 2-0 in a friendly soccer match at Olympic Park here today.

Both teams battled hard in the muddy conditions, which reduced the game to a stop-start affair.

An ariel duel between the Saudi centre-backs and New Zealand striker Billy Wright led to the first goal, in the 55th minute, when the ball glanced off the head of Saudi defender Waleed Al Sagri for an own goal.

New Zealand's second goal came nine minutes from the end when midfielder Mike McGarry charged down the right flank, skipped past Saudi goalkeeper Salem Marwan and belted the ball into the back of the net.

Preparation

The match was the first of two friendly games against New Zealand arranged by the Saudis to prepare for the biennial Gold Cup tournament next month.

That event will feature the national teams of Australia,

three-time World Cup winner Brazil and current World Cup holder Argentina.

Saudi Arabia will face New Zealand in a second warm-up match in Melbourne on Thursday and also will play two games against the Hong Kong national team next week.

The Gold Cup runs from July 6-17 and matches will be played in four Australian cities.

"I'm very happy to be returning to Villa," Cowans said. "I was always hopeful that I would rejoin them when I returned to England."

Barcelona's profits

BARCELONA, Spain, June 21. (Reuters) Barcelona soccer club has suffered its worst financial season in five years with profits for 1987-88 less than a quarter those of the previous year, club treasurer Carles Tusquets said yesterday.

Porto's manager

OPORTO, Portugal, June 21. (Reuters) Porto's Yugoslav manager Topislav Ivic resigned yesterday after only a year with the Portuguese champions and said he hoped to coach Paris St Germain of France next season.

Italians challenge Soviets for final place

STUTTGART, West Germany, June 21. (Reuters) Italy, the revelations of the tournament, challenge the Soviet Union in an evenly-balanced tie tomorrow for the right to contest the European Soccer Championship final.

The Italians, who slumped after their 1982 World Cup triumph, have bounced back as a rejuvenated force under the guidance of Azeglio Vicini.

Manager Vicini, who has filled his team with members of his own previous national under-21 side, has been building for the 1990 World Cup on home soil. But rewards could come sooner.

Dominating

Italy, who failed to qualify for the last European final series in 1984, have over-run Spain and Denmark after dominating hosts West Germany in the 1-1 draw which opened the Group One series.

But, with the tournament now at the semifinal knock-out stage, they face their most critical test against the gifted Russians in Stuttgart's Neckarstadion, urged on by 50,000 Italian fans.

The Italians have history on their side, having eliminated the Soviet Union in the semifinals in 1968 before winning the title in the heyday of Riva, Mazzola and Facchetti.



Albelli (right) poses for a photo with a West German policeman. (Reuters wirephoto)

But they ousted the Russians then only on the toss of a coin after 120 goalless minutes, and another close encounter could

well be in prospect even if goals look more likely this time.

The semifinal promises an absorbing battle in midfield,

where both have been ably served to date.

Giuseppe Giannini has looked very classy for Italy in the company of Roberto Doadoni, backed by Carlo Ancelotti and Fernando de Napoli.

For the Soviet Union, Geonady Litovchenko and Alexei Mikhailichenko have compensated for the injury-enforced absence of Pavel Yakovenko and Ivan Yaremchuk alongside Alexander Zavarov and Vasily Rats. Vladimir Besourov and Sergei Aleinikov offer further options.

They have two injury worries. Striker Igor Belanov has been troubled by a muscle strain on the upper leg. Viktor Pasulko, who scored in Saturday's 3-1 win over England as substitute for the former European Footballer of the Year, stands by.

Central defender Vagiz Khidiyatulin, who went off with a cut over the eye, should be fit. The Italians have no selection problems, having fielded the same starting line-up throughout, abetted by substitutes Alessandro Albelli and Luigi de Agostini who each scored against Denmark last Saturday.

Vicini announced an unchanged line-up after a light training session in the Neckarstadion, which will bring defender

Giuseppe Bergomi his 50th cap.

Bergomi and Albelli are the only survivors of the victorious 1982 World Cup final team in the current Italian squad.

"Possibly the Soviets will be athletically better than us, but I think we will have the technical advantages to see us through," Vicini said.

Italy defeated the Soviet Union 4-1 in a friendly in Bari in February, with striker Gianluca Vialli catching two goals, but Vicini has been impressed by Soviet performances in West Germany.

"I think the Soviet Union have improved considerably since Mexico, especially in defence," he said, though he named attackers Belanov, Zavarov and Oleg Protasov as their most dynamic players and best men.

Expected

The Soviet Union, who left out left back Anatoly Demyanenko for supplementary midfielder Aleinikov against England, were not expected to name their line-up until shortly before the match.

Team chief Valery Lobanovsky has said both Belanov and Khidiyatulin will be fit to play.

"We're ready for both so attacking and a defensive Soviet team. We don't know what to expect from them, so we're ready for both," Vicini said.



The incredible XI captain (left) receives the trophy from Faisal Al Dakhel (center). On the right is YRC president Lawrence Pinto.

Incredible retain crown

INCREDIBLE XI overcame Salcate United in a penalty shoot-out to retain the YRC Soccer Trophy at the Soor grounds on Friday.

Salcate started the game strongly with an attack on their opponents' goal and could have gone ahead in the fifth minute but Shoukat's shot hit the bar.

Started

Salcate, however, were not to be denied and took the lead in the 32nd minute through Francis. The half-time score remained 1-0.

Incredible fought back in the second half. They started launching repeated attacks on their opponents' goal but the Salcate defence stood firm.

In the 20th minute of the second half, Incredible's Redo

was tripped inside the penalty area by a Salcate defender. Lino, however, failed, to get the equaliser for Incredible when he shot wide.

Incredible kept up the pressure and Redo made most of a defensive lapse when he beat the Salcate goalkeeper to put Incredible on equal terms. The score remained 1-1 even after the extra time and the game went into a tie-breaker from which Incredible emerged victorious.

Former Kuwait national team captain Faisal Al Dakhel gave away the prizes. The YRC presented a memento to Al Dakhel.

BOC were named the Best Disciplined Team while David Collazo took the Man of the Match award.

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